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Mid-Atlantic yearlings soar at Saratoga

As usual, Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga yearling sale brought plenty of fireworks with record returns, stiff competition and 14 seven-figure sales. Led by a \$1.1 million Pennsylvania-bred from Blackstone Farm, the region was well represented with strong showings from well-bred (and well-prepped) yearlings. By Joe Clancy. [Page 22](#)

Timonium the goal for yearlings, consignors

The Fasig-Tipton Midatlantic fall yearling sale won't match Saratoga for big-ticket purchases, but the October sale has become a destination with quality horses for sale. Regional consignors were busy putting the finishing touches on their wares, while looking ahead to the sales ring. By Joe Clancy. [Page 28](#)

Cyberknife delivers dream Haskell for Gold

Al Gold used to go to Monmouth Park for fun, and now that he's a Thoroughbred owner the dream of winning New Jersey's signature race became a reality thanks to Cyberknife and trainer Brad Cox. By Cindy Deubler. [Page 34](#)

Miss Leslie adds Delaware Handicap to resume

Quickly becoming a claim to remember (and then some), Miss Leslie added a graded stakes triumph to her blossoming racing career for owner BB Horses and trainer Claudio Gonzalez. By John Piassek. [Page 40](#)



Jumping around at Saratoga, Colonial

Summer racetrack action at Saratoga—where Down Royal and Snap Decision won Grade 1 stakes—and Colonial Downs kept the jump circuit going through summer. By Joe Clancy. [Page 42](#)

Cover: Haskell winner Cyberknife makes his way around the Monmouth Park paddock led by Katie Tolbert and trainer Brad Cox before heading out for his Grade 1 win. Photo by Lydia A. Williams.

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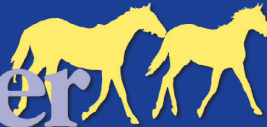
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POST TIME

BUDDY SYSTEM. The lead ponies at Presque Isle Downs are pretty tight.

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Say It Again

“If I sell one for \$280,000 at Timonium, I might be on the cover of the magazine—280 at Saratoga is a rounding error.”

Virginia breeder Larry Johnson, on the power of Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga sale

“I'm from New Orleans—a city boy trying to play a country boy's game—so you never know.”

Yearling buyer (and former trainer) Frankie Brothers, on the national success of horses bred in the Mid-Atlantic and states other than Kentucky

“Every one of them could be an Irish pub.”

New York trainer Jeremiah Englehart, looking at the names of steeplechase jockeys in Saratoga—Dalton, Foley, Beswick, Hendriks, Garner, Doyle . . .

“When I worked for Tom [Voss], I'd put them on the van and send them home before he could do that.”

Trainer Todd Wyatt, about running a steeplechase horse two weeks in a row at Saratoga

“Brothers by another father.”

Doug Black, about Blackstone Farm partner Christian Black (they're not related)

“My guy is an overachiever . . . you'd love to go for a beer with him.”

Trainer Sean McDermott, about Who's Counting (a winner on the flat and over jumps at Colonial Downs this summer)

“There's an old saying, ‘The eye of the master fattens the ox.’ If you think your horse is too fat, it's too fat. If you think your horse is too thin, it probably needs more groceries.”

Sales consignor Becky Davis, about feeding horses



Employees and horsemen who worked at Penn National Racecourse during the first year of racing in 1972 gather in the winner's circle after the sixth race on Friday night, Aug. 19, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Grantville, Pa., oval.

GO FIGURE

2,420,000 Dollars realized at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga select sale by six yearlings bred by Blackstone Farm in Pennsylvania.

3,770,000 Dollars realized at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga select sale by 11 yearlings bred in the region.

20,000 Haskell hats (approximately) given away July 23 at Monmouth Park. It's a tradition that goes back to at least 1988.

7 Years between victories for trainer Janet Elliot, who sent out Saigon to win at Laurel Park Aug. 7. A Hall of Famer based on decades of steeplechase excellence, Elliot maintains a small string now and picked up her first win since April 25, 2015, when the 5-year-old mare won a \$30,000 maiden claimer for owner/breeder Greg Hawkins.

30.7 Percent increase in average all-sources handle at Colonial Downs through the first five weeks of its 27-day meet compared to 2021. The figure was \$2,625,248 through 15 days of racing.

NAMES OF THE MONTH

Pacifist. The Virginia-bred, second over jumps at Colonial Downs in August, is by Declaration of War out of Fairytale Ending (Ire).

Wi Fi. Morgan's Ford Farm's 3-year-old filly is by Data Link out of Suburb.

Up for It. Runnymore Racing's 2-year-old filly, bred in Pennsylvania by owners Greg and Caroline Bentley and second in her debut at Laurel Park in August, is by More Than Ready.

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Wasabi stallion investment fund finds legs

TK Kuegler likes to tell people he does the television show *Shark Tank* for a living. Only not on television. Co-founder and managing partner of Wasabi Ventures Partners, “a venture capital, incubator, and consulting firm that specializes in building and advising early-stage technology companies,” according to its website, Kuegler identifies and invests in new tech companies. He hopes the investment pays off in larger, more valuable companies and future profits.

And he’s a Thoroughbred racing nut. He handicaps and gambles. In 2017, he started Wasabi Ventures Stables—an ownership group with 1,500 partners and racing action in the Mid-Atlantic and beyond. Wasabi won its first stakes race in June, ran a horse in this year’s Haskell Invitational-G1 and recently passed \$2.2 million in total earnings. But Kuegler knows Thoroughbred racing really doesn’t make much sense when it comes to traditional investing. A racehorse is too fragile, too expensive and too fleeting to be a sound investment even if the potential is there to make money.

“I never use the word investment on the racing side,” he said. “I tell people to think of this as entertainment. If you enjoy the entertainment, that’s great. If you get some money back, that’s even better.”

In 2020, however, Kuegler found a way to use the term investment with regard to Thoroughbred horses—creating Wasabi Ventures Stallions, an investment fund where the assets owned by the fund relate to stallions. Those assets are individual stallions, stallion shares and lifetime breeding rights. The fund buys those assets with money from a pool of investors. Those investors see revenue in the form of stud fees, stallion bonuses and outright sales of the assets.

The fund is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as a 506c fund open to “accredited and qualified” investors. Wasabi provides all the documentation, approves potential investors, manages



Force the Pass, who stood in Maryland before selling to Saudi Arabia, was the first stallion investment made by TK Kuegler’s Wasabi Ventures Stallions.

the assets and takes a 2 percent fee per year plus a 20-percent carried interest fee tied to profit—fairly standard private equity language—to make it all work. Kuegler, also the largest shareholder in the fund, and Wasabi’s director of stallions and breeding George Adams manage it all.

The first foray centered on one stallion, Force the Pass, who stood in Maryland for one season. He sold the next year for five times the purchase price. That sale wasn’t necessarily the goal starting out, just too good to pass up when the offer came from Saudi Arabia.

“I’ve spent my whole life looking at start-ups,” Kuegler said. “And there’s not a heck of a lot of difference between some software start-up and a first-year stallion. You make an educated guess, you make your investment and time will tell you if you’re right or wrong.”

In companies and horses, it typically takes three to five years to find out—Force the Pass being an exception. Early investments included Maryland stallions Irish War Cry and Blofeld. The 2020 stallion fund included Paynter, sire of 2021 Horse of the Year Knicks Go, along with budding star Jimmy Creed. Last year, Raging Bull, Independence Hall and Tapiture were among the list.

Kuegler compared the stallion fund to any other pooled fund where inves-

tors buy shares in the overall fund and investment managers steer the assets (stocks, bonds, whatever) to maximize value. Investors can receive dividends and participate in the increase or decrease in value. Since every stallion in the portfolio will breed at least some mares in his first season, some revenue will be generated—even if it won’t arrive until foals are born. Wasabi holds mortality and fertility insurance, taking away some of the risk of owning a horse, and investors do not pay fees related to stallion care.

Investors in the 2020 fund have received 35 percent of their investment back—meaning if you invested the minimum \$5,000 with the fund that year, you’ve received

\$1,750 in revenue thus far. You’re not showing a profit, but you’re getting there—and the real tale won’t be told for a few more years.

“The chances of getting back zero are pretty low,” said Kuegler, who compared the stallion fund to funds that specialize in assets other than stocks—such as gold, silver, real estate. “It’s like owning a bond that has a coupon on it. The bond itself might lose money, but the coupon is still real money coming back to you.”

Wasabi, which owns 25 mares, buys the various assets from the stallion fund to create a built-in customer base for the stallion assets—though they could be sold to anyone. The stallion fund itself is strictly stallions, and strictly an investment. Investors don’t go visit cute foals in a field.

“It’s the one thing in racing that can be called an investment, and I have people invested in this who have no interest in racing,” Kuegler said. “They see it as an investment. It’s an alternative asset. They see how it can appreciate, and they see how they can make money with it.

“And there’s something exciting about saying you own pieces of a bunch of stallions rather than 300 shares of blah, blah, blah company.”

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MILESTONES

Joined: The list of regional-bred millionaires, Field Pass after Lone Star Park's Texas Turf Classic Stakes July 16. The 5-year-old son of Lemon Drop Kid needed a top-two finish to reach the mark and finished second by a neck, but was elevated to first after the disqualification of his stablemate Megacity, who drifted into his path in the stretch. Trained his entire 28-start career by Mike Maker for Three Diamonds Farm, Field Pass took home the \$177,228 winner's share of the purse to push his career total to \$1,142,696. Bred by Mark Brown Grier out of the Runaway Groom mare Only Me, Field Pass sold as a yearling, from the consignment of Becky Davis, at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale for \$37,000 to Owls Bloodstock. He is a five-time graded stakes winner and two-time Maryland-bred champion.

Promoted: To Director of Racing at Delaware Park, Jerome "Jed" Doro, as of Aug. 1. Doro is assuming most of the duties of long-time Executive Director of Racing John Mooney, who announced his retirement July 26. Doro, 43, was the racing secretary at Delaware Park from 2014 through 2018. The native Bemidji, Minn., briefly left to take a position at Oaklawn Park in 2019, but returned to Delaware Park in 2020 as the assistant racing



secretary before being elevated to racing secretary again in 2021. He also served in that role at Delaware Park from 2008 through 2013 and worked in various capacities at the Maryland Jockey Club, Colonial Downs and Timonium racetrack.

Retired: John Mooney, executive director of racing at Delaware Park, after a lengthy career at the track effective Aug. 1. Delaware's turf course will be dedicated to Mooney with a naming ceremony planned for Oct. 1. "His career has been brilliant, and like everyone in the Delaware Park family, I am proud and thankful to have been a part of," said Kevin DeLucia, chief financial officer. "So much of what Thoroughbred racing at Delaware Park is today has come from his leadership, guidance and experience over the last four decades." Mooney has been involved in racing in the Mid-Atlantic for nearly 40 years. Shortly after Delaware Park was purchased and reopened by William Rickman Sr., in 1984, Mooney was named general manager. He was instrumental in keeping Delaware Park competitive in the 1980s and early 1990s. In the summer of 1993, he left Delaware Park to take a similar post with the Maryland Jockey Club and later headed up the drive to establish racing in Virginia as head of the group that organized the opening and operation of Colonial Downs. Mooney returned to Delaware Park in the spring of 2008. His grandfather, J.D. Mooney, won the 1924 Kentucky Derby aboard Black Gold and trained the 1962 Canadian Horse of the Year Crafty Lace. His father, John J. Mooney, was a prominent racing executive who

served at many racetracks including the Ontario Jockey Club where he played an instrumental role in the development of the new Woodbine Racecourse in 1956.

Won: His first training title, Rudy Sanchez-Salomon, after winning 19 races during Laurel Park's summer meet which ended Aug. 21. Sanchez-Salomon edged Claudio Gonzalez by one win. The two entered closing weekend tied but went winless on Friday and Saturday before Sanchez-Salomon, 50, captured Sunday's opener with Please Marry Me. "I don't know exactly what I feel right now, but I'm very happy," Sanchez-Salomon said. "It's been a great meet. Everything has been great for us. We've been very blessed. I thank God and thank my help and thank everybody. I have no words to say how I feel, really. I appreciate everything." He was introduced to horses growing up on the family farm in his native Mexico. After arriving in the United States he first visited the racetrack at Garden State Park in New Jersey, which closed in 2001. Working for trainers Scott Lake and Dane Kobiskie, he wound up at Monmouth Park before ultimately landing in Maryland. According to Equibase, Sanchez-Salomon sent out his first runner April 15, 2017, at Laurel. His first winner came May 28 of that year with Nairet, a 4-year-old filly he had claimed out of her prior start for \$5,000, at Pimlico Race Course. Sanchez-Salomon registered three multi-win days during the summer meet, including a career-high four June 24 and a triple July 23. Jevian Toledo and Horacio Karamanos tied for leading jockey honors with 31 wins apiece. They also shared Laurel's summer meet title in 2020.

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Zimny bullish as he leaves the track: Charles Town racing head Erich Zimny discusses everything from worst day on the job to best accomplishment with Frank Vespe as he steps away after 14 years in West Virginia.

Humphrey returns from injury with a flourish: Apprentice jockey Will Humphrey, injured in a scary spill in the Colonial Cup at Colonial Downs in late July, returned with a flourish Aug. 13 at Laurel Park, winning twice, reports Vespe.

Off the charts at Delaware Park: Racetrack chart callers have a critical, if often overlooked job, and Mike Valiante visited with the callers at Delaware Park to learn more.

Great Spirit hoping to follow in big bro's footsteps: Great Spirit, the younger half-sister to champion West Virginia-bred sprinter Dr. Feelgood, started her career stylishly July 22 with a dominant win, reports Ted Black.

Backtracks – Giant killer Rosemont: Virginia-bred Rosemont developed a reputation as a giant killer, defeating three Hall of Famers in his career, writes Jennifer Kelly.

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Northview takes yearlings to Saratoga

Northview Stallion Station took three yearlings to Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga select sale, putting the Maryland farm among racing's biggest names for a few days in August, and received some instant recognition with the \$425,000 sale of a Mendelssohn filly Aug. 8.

Trainer Kenny McPeck, with Hall of Famer Curlin and Preakness Stakes-G1 winner Swiss Skydiver on his long list of yearling purchases, made the purchase on behalf of client Walking L Thoroughbreds. Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, the private farm of Northview owner Michael Golden, spent \$280,000 on the Kentucky-bred as a weanling at Keeneland November last year so will call the Saratoga pinhook a victory.

"We're thrilled with the result," said Northview's David Wade. "Mike Golden and his sister Lisa and her husband Greg [Hofstetter] couldn't be happier. So it's a good start for us coming up to Saratoga."



David Wade, right, and his Northview crew ready one of three offerings at Saratoga.

Out of Grade 3 winner Munny Spunt, the filly was popular on the sales grounds—especially as her time in the ring approached.

"There was anxiety toward the beginning of the day. We were getting a lot of lookers, we weren't getting a lot of vet work," Wade said. "The vet work started coming all closer to sale time so we started to feel a little bit more comfortable. We

didn't set an unrealistic reserve at all. When we went past the reserve and it just kept going and going it was just very exciting to see it. We're just very blessed and very fortunate."

Wade liked the filly's progress from her November purchase to Saratoga, though he knew Saratoga's reputation as a demanding marketplace.

"She was the kind of horse that when you went and looked at her as a weanling, she was very well-balanced, had a nice big walk, just had class written all over her," Wade said. "We spent a bit of money, thought it would fit into this market and fortunately we were able to get here in one piece."

The consignment was Northview's first at Saratoga since 2006 and also included a pinhooked Bernardini colt and a Maryland-bred Mendelssohn colt bred by Wade that did not sell. Both will aim for other sales this fall.

—Joe Clancy

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The White Clay Creek Stakes For Fillies-2 Year Olds	1 mile	Oct 14	\$100,000	Oct 1	FREE
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MID-ATLANTIC REPORT

Mid-Atlantic-Bred Stakes Winners July 8–August 6

Maryland-bred

ALOTTAHOPE, b.g., 2019, Editorial—Alottalute, by Midnight Lute. B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Dr. Brooke Bowman; O-No Guts No Glory Farm; T-John J. Robb. \$75,000 Star de Naskra S, Laurel, July 30.

DIVINE HUNTRESS, b.f., 2019, Divining Rod—Thrill Seeker, by Housebuster. B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Ricky L. Buckley & Joshua Dreiband; O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Long Valley Stables LLC; T-H. Graham Motion. \$75,000 Miss Disco S, Laurel, July 30.

FIELD PASS, gr./ro.h., 2017, Lemon Drop Kid—Only Me, by Runaway Groom. B-Mark Brown Grier; O-Three Diamonds Farm; T-Michael J. Maker. \$300,000 Texas Turf Classic, Lone Star, July 16.

JUSTWAVEANDSMILE, b.g., 2017, Secret Circle—Anofficerandalady, by Officer. B-Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes & Colleen Torsney; O-Steven T. Newby; T-Dale Capuano. \$75,000 Ben's Cat S, Laurel, July 30.

LA CASTIGLIONE, b.f., 2018, Uncle Lino—Perverse, by Distorted Humor. B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman & Rebecca Davis; O-Jeff Jacobs; T-Juan Quintana Gutierrez. \$25,000 Queen's S, Arizona Downs, July 16.

SPUN GLASS, ch.m., 2017, Hard Spun—Allwewantfor-xmas, by Songandaprayer. B/O-R. Larry Johnson; T-Michael J. Trombetta. \$75,000 Jameela S, Laurel, July 30.

VANCE SCHOLARS, ch.g., 2019, Holy Boss—Passionate Dancer, by Cat Thief. B-Anchor & Hope Farm Inc.; O-Steven T. Newby; T-Dale Capuano. \$100,000 Bald Eagle Derby, Laurel, Aug. 6.

New Jersey-bred

BRAMBLE BAY, b.m., 2016, Bullet Train (GB)—Regal Rose, by Empire Maker. B/O-Ballybrit Stable LLC; T-Michael Dini. \$85,000 Jersey Girl H, Monmouth, July 9.

HE'SPUREGOLD, b.g., 2018, Vancouver (Aus)—Smart N Classy, by Smart Strike. B-John Bowers Jr.; O-Roseland Farm Stable (Bowers); T-Kelly J. Breen. \$85,000 Irish War Cry H, Monmouth, July 10.

Pennsylvania-bred

BEREN, b.c., 2018, Weigelia—Silmaril, by Diamond. B-Susan C. Quick & Christopher J. Feifarek; O-St. Omer's Farm & Christopher J. Feifarek; T-Robert E. Reid Jr. \$150,000 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash S, Laurel, July 16.

CHUB WAGON, b.m., 2017, Hey Chub—Takin the Plunge, by Lion Heart. B-Joe-Dan Farm & George Chestnut; O-Daniel J. Lopez & George Chestnut; T-Guadalupe Preciado. \$100,000 Alma North S, Laurel, July 16.

CINNABUNNY, ch.m., 2017, Golden Lad—English Mum, by Congrats. B-Shooting Star Stable; O-Runnymore Racing LLC; T-Cathal A. Lynch. \$100,000 Dashing Beauty S, Delaware, July 9.

NICE ACE, b.g., 2018, Noble Mission (GB)—A Lady With an Ace, by First Samurai. B-Blackstone Farm LLC; O-Robert D. Bone; T-Tim Gitten. \$100,000 Hard Spun S, Presque Isle, July 26.

ROSES FOR DEBRA, gr./ro.f., 2019, Liam's Map—Essential Rose, by Bernardini. B-Blackstone Farm LLC; O-John O'Meara; T-Michelle C. Brafford. \$100,000 Malvern Rose S, Presque Isle, July 18.

TACTICAL PAJAMAS, b.f., 2018, Uncle Lino—Salishan, by Banker's Gold. B-Vicky Schowe & Kemal Erkan; O-James E. Hess; T-Ron G. Potts. \$100,000 Princess of Sylmar S, Presque Isle, July 25.

Virginia-bred

CHAMBEAU, dk.b./br.m., 2017, Karakontie (Jpn)—If Not for Lust, by Not For Love. B/O-Sam E. English II; T-Anthony Aguirre Jr. \$125,000 Tyson Gilpin S, Colonial, July 11.

DETERMINED KINGDOM, b.g., 2019, Animal Kingdom—Filia, by Fastnet Rock. B-Audley Farm Equine LLC; O-D Hatman Thoroughbreds & Kingdom Bloodstock Inc.; T-Phil Schoenthal. \$125,000 Punch Line S, Colonial, July 11.

LARGENT, b.g., 2016, Into Mischief—Life in Seattle, by Unbridled. B-Lazy Lane Farms Inc.; O-Twin Creeks Racing Stables LLC & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$125,000 Edward P. Evans S, Colonial, July 11.

MO CLARE'S, b.m., 2017, Uncle Mo—Claire's Song, by Unbridled's Song. B-Jim FitzGerald & Katie FitzGerald; O-Lothenbach Stables Inc. (Bob Lothenbach); T-Chris M. Block. \$125,000 Brookmeade S, Colonial, July 11.

West Virginia-bred

FREE SAILIN, b.g., 2019, Freedom Child—Kela's Pride, by Kela. B-Susan Wantz; O/T-Jason DaCosta. \$75,000 Robert G. Leavitt S, Charles Town, July 23.

THE SKY IS FALLING, dk.b./br.f., 2019, Cupid—Miss Henny Penny, by Half Ours. B-Catherine K. Jennings & Scott Mallory; O-David M. Raim; T-Jeff C. Runco. \$75,000 Sylvia Bishop Memorial S, Charles Town, July 23.

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STALLION NEWS

Holy Boss gets a stakes winner

Anchor and Hope Farm stallion Holy Boss was represented by his first stakes winner Aug. 6 at Laurel Park when Vance Scholars captured the \$100,000 Bald Eagle Derby by 2½ lengths in his 3-year-old debut.

Sidelined since November due to a condylar fracture, Vance Scholars went to the front and never looked back in the 1¼-mile off-the-turf stakes. He is owned by Steven Newby who, on the advice of trainer Dale Capuano, purchased the chestnut colt from Holy Boss' first U.S.

crop for \$22,000 at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale. Vance Scholars is out of Passionate Dancer (by Cat Thief) and is a half-brother to stakes winners Fast Pass and Reflector and multiple Group 1-placed Ojos de Hielo. The new stakes winner has three wins and a second from six starts, for earnings of \$130,530.

Graded stakes-winning sprinter Holy Boss won six times from 22 starts, earning \$771,527. He took his career debut at Churchill Downs by 10¼ lengths, and recorded a four-race win streak for trainer Steve Asmussen early in his 3-year-old season that included three stakes—Oaklawn Park's Bachelor, Pimlico's Chick Lang, both at 6 furlongs in 1:09 and change, and Saratoga's Grade 2 Amsterdam, completing 6½ furlongs in 1:15.38. He placed in six stakes, twice in Grade 1 company in Saratoga with a second in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap and third in the King's Bishop. He was fourth behind Runhappy in the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 at Keeneland.

Holy Boss stood his first U.S. season in 2018 at Louis and Grace Merryman's Anchor and Hope Farm in Port Deposit, Md., after retiring from the track in late spring 2017 and covering his first mares in

Argentina that fall. A dual-hemisphere stallion in each of his first four breeding seasons, the 10-year-old chestnut son of Street Boss has sired additional stakes-placed runners Al Loves Josie, Sparkle Sprinkle and My Boss in his first U.S. crop, and two stakes-placed runners in Argentina.

Out of the Holy Bull mare Holy Grace, Holy Boss is a half-brother to Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Holy Helena, a four-time graded stakes winner and earner of \$1,330,018 who won the 2017 Queen's Plate Stakes against males at 1¼ miles.

With career progeny earnings approaching \$1.2 million (through mid-August), Holy Boss ranks in the top 25 nationally among second-crop sires.

Top Mid-Atlantic sires of 2022

Based on 2022 earnings through Aug. 21
(D-deceased; R-retired)

General earnings

Sire	mrs	wnrs	earnings
Great Notion (Md)	94	37	\$2,588,948
Wicked Strong (Pa)	139	63	2,308,090
Jump Start (Pa-D)	92	46	2,267,928
Uncle Lino (Md)	74	40	2,040,796
Golden Lad (Md)	75	42	1,769,066
Mosler (Md)	72	34	1,671,127
Fiber Sonde (WV)	58	30	1,530,824
Divining Rod (Md)	53	23	1,464,991
Bourbon Courage (Md)	55	23	1,423,898
Bandbox (Md-D)	45	22	1,399,750
Weigelia (Pa)	52	30	1,378,579
Windsor Castle (WV-D)	71	42	1,328,544
Warrior's Reward (Pa)	81	36	1,178,804
Imagining (Md)	54	20	1,068,685
Blofeld (Md)	27	18	922,240
Peace and Justice (Pa)	40	19	829,572
Uptowncharlybrown (Pa)	48	16	794,328
Holy Boss (Md)	31	14	779,143
Friesan Fire (Md)	46	17	731,740
Buffum (Md-D)	27	15	692,505

2-year-old earnings

Sire	mrs	wnrs	earnings
Great Notion (Md)	12	4	\$167,447
†Sea Wizard (NJ)	5	2	152,692
Blofeld (Md)	9	3	130,040
Uptowncharlybrown (Pa)	11	3	112,871
Bourbon Courage (Md)	5	2	104,674
†Irish War Cry (Md)	9	2	100,470
Wicked Strong (Pa)	9	3	90,881
Holy Boss (Md)	6	2	76,434
Golden Lad (Md)	7	2	63,286
Friesan Fire (Md)	5	0	56,780

† Freshman sire

Editorial leaves region

On the same day Editorial got his first stakes winner in his first crop, 3-year-old Alottahope in Laurel Park's Star de Naskra July 30, Grace Merryman of Anchor and Hope Farm reported that Editorial left for California. The 8-year-old son of War Front stood four seasons in Maryland, the past two at the Port Deposit farm.

Irish War Cry gets first winner

David Bloom's homebred Princess Chessie became the first winner for freshman sire Irish War Cry when drawing off to win a Delaware Park maiden special weight by ¾ lengths in her career debut July 23.

Trained by Baltazar Galvan, the chestnut filly was the longest shot, at 20-1, in the seven-horse field going 5½ furlongs. She is out of the winning Songandaprayer mare Sensible Shoes.

Irish War Cry, a New Jersey-bred homebred for Isabelle de Tomaso, won five times from 13 starts, including a trio of graded stakes victories. Undeclared at 2 in two starts, including the Marylander Stakes at Laurel Park, he was an early Kentucky Derby favorite after capturing the Holy Bull Stakes-G2 and Wood Memorial

Stakes-G2 that spring and went off as second choice in the 20-horse Derby field. Although he wound up off-the-board, he returned to finish a solid second in the Belmont Stakes-G1. The following year he scored a daylight victory in the Pimlico Special-G3 and retired with earnings of \$1,257,060.

Out of Polish Numbers' winning daughter Irish Sovereign, Irish War Cry is a half-brother to graded stakes winner and \$496,000-earner Irish Strait, stakes-placed Irish Politics, and winner Irish Score, the dam of stakes winners Irish Mias and Regally Irish.

Irish War Cry has 49 named 2-year-olds in his first crop. He has stood at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., his entire career.



Russian Bay

The story here is not that the stakes-winning Breeders' Cup champion gets to retire at Happy Acres. The story is your good-to-average, unremarkable horse goes on to have a remarkable after-story."

The story—as told by Jake Chalfin—is that of Russian Bay, a 20-year-old son of Meadowlake and the Czaravich mare Christina Czarina. But equally, it's Chalfin's tale, which is every bit as remarkable.

Chalfin was a lifelong horseman and amateur steeplechase jockey who freelanced retraining off-track Thoroughbreds when Russian Bay came into his life in 2009. His friend, Betsy DeMarino, asked for his assistance with a horse she had.

"I ended up working with her on that and we had some success," Chalfin said. "So when that horse sold, we decided to start a fun partnership and find another horse to team up on. We put feelers out, and Russian Bay just kind of fell in our laps."

DeMarino knew the gelding's trainer/owner, Ollie Keelan. He knew DeMarino was always looking for projects, and there was good rapport and a high level of trust.

Bred in Kentucky, Russian Bay made 36 starts over four seasons on the racetrack—racing for his breeder Peter Van Andel and trainer Frannie Campitelli before cycling through several barns via claims. Highlights include his 2005 season in which he recorded a Gulfstream Park maiden win, a start in the Sir Barton Stakes at Pimlico and a third in the Larry R. Riviello President's Cup at Philadelphia Park (now Parx Racing). After his last

race on Oct. 30, 2008, he retired with statistics of 8-2-7 and \$146,610 earned. Shortly thereafter, Keelan contacted DeMarino. She and Chalfin agreed to take the horse without ever seeing him.

"From the minute we saw him our minds were blown," Chalfin said. "He's 17 hands and perfectly built. All his parts make sense and he's a majestic, beautiful horse. It was like, 'Oh my God, how did we get him? He's too good to be true.'"

Their early assessment of the 7-year-old showed him to be sound and in great condition physically and mentally. Although just off the track, he was able to begin training almost immediately. Based in Unionville, Chalfin had the luxury of Pennsylvania hunt country at his disposal.

"We were training off the farm, a lot of hacking out. If we did do ring work, we'd hack to the ring, so everything was really calm and low stress. He's a hard worker and enjoyed the connection with us, so he was coming along nicely. After a couple months we shipped him over to (hunter/jumper trainer) Vince Dugan's and would school there."

Russian Bay continued to progress, and Chalfin and DeMarino began posting occasional photos of him on social media as a soft pre-marketing tool. The goal was to find him a good home as either a foxhunter or a show horse—whatever best suited him—and make some money.

On Sept. 23, 2010, life happened while Chalfin was making other plans. Riding at the Blue Ridge Fall Races in Berryville, Va., he was paralyzed after a fall from a 3-year-old filly making her first start over jumps. He sustained four fractures to his cervical and thoracic vertebrae. One of

the fractures displaced, cutting his spinal cord and causing paralysis from the waist down.

"I was aware of things before I woke up in the hospital," he said. "But about a week later in the ICU, we were like 'What am I going to do with all my unfinished business?' Basically, the village rallied."

Hunter/jumper trainer Jen Berry stepped up first, taking Russian Bay to her Integrity Farms. Another close friend, Lisa Scott, rode with Berry, and they collaborated to keep the horse moving toward Chalfin's goal of finding him the ideal situation and owner.

"The other cool thing was that the farriers and vets all donated their services to keep him going," Chalfin said. "Mark Donaldson of Unionville Equine would give him his shots and look after him. Jen's farrier was Ed Scheckner. So Jen and Lisa took care of the board bill and the training, and Mark and Ed did vet and foot work. Devon Cox, a working student for Jen, did a lot of the showing and schooling. She's a beautiful little rider and got along great with him."

After a year with Berry and Scott, another friend of Chalfin's, Gillian Beale King, stepped in. Located in Radnor, Pa., King showed the gelding, providing exposure to many clients in the area.

Regardless of who had the horse, the challenge was always the same. Russian Bay was such an imposing physical presence that some riders, despite their experience, tended to tense up as soon as they got on him. And that was his "Off" switch. As Chalfin put it, "You got out of him what you put into him."

Man, woman, child—it made no difference to Russian Bay if the rider on his back was calm and relaxed. From King, Russian Bay moved to jumper trainer/competitor Priscilla Godsoe at The Covert Farm in Nottingham, Pa.

"Everyone who had him—Jen, Lisa, Gillian—added polish; he was improved every step of the way," Chalfin said. "Priscilla covered all the expenses herself with the idea that when she sold him she'd pay herself back, and whatever remained would go to my medical fund. She instantly fell in love with him. And at some point, they started calling him Jake, so he's been Jake ever since."

In 2012, 14-year-old Victoria Latham was ready to graduate from ponies to horses. Her parents arranged for her to try

a few prospects at Godsoe's farm. Godsoe observed as the teenager rode several horses before mentioning that she had another horse to consider.

"I have one more that I want you to try, but I'm going to put you on him and we'll know in a minute," Godsoe told Latham.

And Latham learned.

"That was how he was," she said. "You either were calm and got along with him and he was wonderful, or he would just say, 'You're not for me.' So I tried him and we immediately clicked. I knew right away. And that was the first time I ever jumped 3 feet. It was a pretty incredible first ride."

The Lathams, also from Unionville, went home, and Victoria told her parents that Russian Bay was the horse she wanted . . . and she wanted to move to Godsoe's farm and switch from hunters to jumpers. They competed in local shows all through Latham's high school years.

"She was cleaning up on him," Chalfin said. "They were winning a lot. They had a ton of fun together."

An injury and a bout with Lyme disease sidelined the horse for nearly a year. But when Latham headed to Wake

Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., Russian Bay went with her.

"We did the intercollegiate circuit," she said. "He was there the whole four years, and it was amazing. By the time I was moving to college—after the Lyme's—he had slowed down a little. Then I got a second horse and took both with me."

Russian Bay became a team horse for the Wake Forest squad and was a popular mount among the riders "because he was really good."

Latham spent her junior year of college in France, and Russian Bay was leased to a boarder at the barn in North Carolina during her absence. That rider competed in lower-level eventing with him, enjoying her own success with the gelding.

Latham graduated in 2020 with a double major in international affairs and French. After remaining in Winston-Salem during the Covid pandemic in 2020, she moved to Washington, D.C., and began her post-graduate program at American University in 2021. And, of course, Russian Bay went with her.

"I had another horse as well, so I moved both to D.C. He was used there for lessons

for a little bit. My program is one year at American and one year in Costa Rica; I'm about a year into it.

"He loves to work. Even when he wasn't as competitive for me and wasn't showing as much anymore, he just loves to be ridden. As long as he had someone to lease him or ride him, he was happy. So we kept him going as long as he wanted to."

Around six months ago, Russian Bay let his people know he was ready for a life of leisure. With Latham living in Costa Rica, Russian Bay is retired on a farm in Montgomery County, Md., close to Latham's mother, who sees him frequently.

"I'm still his owner and will be forever," Latham said.

Chalfin, who stays connected to racing as an official at steeplechase meets, still marvels over how it all played out.

"All of us were professionals trying to train and place this OTTB, and Victoria was the goal," Chalfin said. "She was the owner we were hoping for. Now he's retired and they still own and look after him. That's the perfect scenario for a horse off the track—retraining and finding their forever home." ♦



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TOD MARKS

Snap Decision puts on show at Saratoga

People ask me all the time why Saratoga Race Course still hosts steeplechase races. Compared to the old days at America's most storied racetrack, the jumpers have been marginalized—seven races (if they fill), always the first on the card, on Wednesdays, no final jump

in the stretch, only two hurdles on the backstretch, never in the pick five or other major multi-race wager.

It's a long way from what Elkridge, Shipboard, Neji, Mako and Benguala used to do or Life's Illusion, Shadow Brook and Happy Intellectual or even Lonesome Glory, Warm Spell and Mistico (Chi).

But then Snap Decision comes along and does what he did at North America's oldest sporting venue.

In the Grade 1 Jonathan Sheppard Handicap Aug. 17, while carrying 164 pounds assigned after a near mutiny by rival trainers, the 8-year-old demolished six foes. He jumped the first fence near the back of a seven-horse field, then rolled around everybody on the first of five turns. The 1-2 favorite never saw another horse—putting on a galloping and jumping clinic and winning by 13¼ lengths while geared down. Second-place Going Country (Ire) carried 24 fewer pounds. Third-place Redicean (GB) shouldered 22 fewer. Second choice Down Royal, winner of the Grade 1 A.P. Smithwick four weeks earlier, finished sixth (20¼ lengths back) while getting 21 pounds.

Performances like that are why Saratoga still hosts jump racing. The track is supposed to showcase such equine excel-

lence. It's been that way since 1863—flat, jump, whatever. Paid attendance on the Wednesday afternoon was 24,648. They cheered Snap Decision and jockey Graham Watters across the finish line, cheered some more when the duo galloped back to the winner's circle. The New York Racing Association put the race on Fox Sports, a rare dose of national exposure for American jump racing.

Owned by Bruton Street-US, a partnership of Marylanders Mike Hankin, Charlie Fenwick and Charlie Noell, Snap Decision won for the 11th time in 16 hurdle starts. He was second in the other five while pushing his career steeplechase earnings to \$615,900.

Trainer Jack Fisher nearly didn't bring his stable star to New York for the race because of that hefty weight. No horse had won the Sheppard (formerly the New York Turf Writers) carrying as much since Hall of Famer Lonesome Glory toted 166 in 1995. Fisher skipped Saratoga's handicaps with 2007 and 2008 champion Good Night Shirt, did the same during the 2017 title campaign of Scorpiancer (GB). High weights, summer heat, long van rides and hard races don't always serve horses trying to get to the weight-for-age American Grand National in October.

Fisher used a prep at Colonial Downs (Snap Decision finished third in a turf stakes) as a final tightener, thought it over for a week, even mulled another flat try in Saratoga's John's Call Stakes. Then he showed up—for all the right reasons.

"I wanted to run him at Saratoga because NYRA has been very good to steeplechase racing," said Fisher after his first Turf Writers/Sheppard win. "I never run my better horses here because it's a handicap and they get hit with the weight."

Scratch the never.

Snap Decision earned the hefty assignment with a Grade 1 win in the Iroquois in May, and a string of other successes going back to his rookie season in 2019. Bruton Street bought the son of Hard Spun from breeder Phipps Stable after 18 starts on the flat. A half-brother to graded stakes winners Mr Speaker and Vigilantes Way, Snap Decision lost two maiden races to start his hurdle career and won his next



TOD MARKS

Bruton Street-US partners Charlie Fenwick (left) and Mike Hankin lead Snap Decision and jockey Graham Watters to the winner's circle after the Grade 1 win. Trainer Jack Fisher follows.



TOD MARKS

Snap Decision and Graham Watters sail a fence in front of the stands on the way to a 13¼-length win over six rivals the Grade 1 Jonathan Sheppard Handicap.

nine starts—maiden, allowance, five novice stakes in 2019 and 2020, the Temple Gwathmey and Iroquois in 2021. Fisher bypassed Saratoga last year and Snap Decision lost twice to eventual champion The Mean Queen (Ire) to close that season. The 2022 campaign began with another loss, while giving 14 pounds to winner Iranistan, in the Gwathmey. Then came a weight-for-age romp in the Iroquois going 3 miles, the sharpener at Colonial Downs and the Sheppard.

A decision to run never looked so good, even if it came with trepidation.

“It was whether it was the right thing to do for him, not whether he deserved it,” said

Watters. “But when you look back, he went round at Belmont last year at 164 and The Mean Queen was in there and she beat him but the third horse was well back and we were giving some of them 20 pounds that day. Maybe today was a little bit better horse, but he’s a big, strong-backed horse. He can carry the weight, he’s a big-muscle horse.”

He ran like it, while improving to 4-for-4 over jumps at the Spa.

Snap Decision twice left out a stride at a fence, including the last leaving the backside, to put horses on the defensive—then kept on rolling with Watters sitting still and asking for nothing other than applause at the finish line. Going Country, in a drive,

couldn’t close the gap over the final three-eighths of a mile.

“Sometimes when they come up a little bit too long you’re a bit hesitant,” Watters said of the daring leaps. “But he was pretty sure of himself both times. He’s got so much power from behind, he pushes off with those hind legs and you just flow over them. It’s sheer admiration for the horse, just to be a part of it. I’m 30, I’ve been riding nearly 15 years. I’ll never come across him again. I’m just trying to soak him up, just soak him in all the time. I want to appreciate him. I’ll never forget him.”

Neither will Saratoga. ♦

Mid-Atlantic Magic

Regional breeders find success at Saratoga yearling sale

BY JOE CLANCY

If the Justify colt Blackstone Farm sold for \$1.1 million in August earns any Pennsylvania breeders' bonuses, things didn't go according to plan. But that's OK.

"He might get some if he wins the Pennsylvania Derby, but no, he isn't one who is going to earn us many breeder bonuses," said Blackstone's Christian Black the day after the chestnut colt—raised at the farm in Pine Grove, Pa.—clocked in as the second-highest horse sold on Opening Night at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga select yearling sale Aug. 8. The Blackstone colt, consigned by Warrendale Sales, was part of a big sale for yearlings bred in the region as two Virginia-breds, six Pennsylvania-breds and three Maryland-breds drew \$3,770,000 in bids and went to some of the biggest names in Thoroughbred racing.

The returns were a tribute to breeders and developers, and the states they call home.

"We're kind of a little bit away from everybody, kind of isolated," said Black. "We are true believers that you can raise a horse in Pennsylvania as good as you can anywhere else. You have to compensate for things we do not have. We don't have the bluegrass, so we have to compensate for that with our feeding program and we think we are doing a good job."

And then some. Blackstone sold four others at the sale via Taylor Made Sales—each going for \$170,000 or more while another Blackstone-bred (though sold as a weanling) went for \$400,000.





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Horses enjoy some turnout at Blackstone Farm, much like the \$1.1 million Justify colt.

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The Magnier team makes a final inspection of Hip 78, a Pennsylvania-bred son of Justify from Blackstone Farm.

The returns were part of a banner Saratoga sale for Fasig-Tipton, which sold 143 yearlings for \$66,955,000 or an average of \$468,217. The Blackstone colt was one of 14 to sell for \$1 million or more over the two-day sale at the Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Aug. 8-9.

Ireland's Coolmore team bought the Justify colt, Hip 78, via agent Michael Wallace, and outran several others to land the half-brother to Malvern Stakes winner Ledeca and two other winners. Blackstone bought dam Slews Golden Rule, a daughter of Langfuhr from a Live Oak Stud family which includes Grade 1 winner Win Win Win and Grade 3 winner Unbridled Humor plus Maryland-bred Grade 1 winner Ops Smile among others, for \$80,000 in 2014. Ledeca sold for \$120,000 at Saratoga in 2017. Blackstone won three races with her 2018 gelded son Cool Comedian (by Distorted Humor), while an Into Mischief filly born in 2019 and eventually sold in France, now named Sondas, is a winner in Saudi Arabia. Slews Golden Rule died foaling in 2022, and will be missed.

"She left us with a nice legacy," said Blackstone's Doug Black. "He was a little

bit of a standout from the beginning and you could always tell he was a little special. We'll miss him too, but I look at it like he's just graduated high school and he's off to college and we hope he does well at college. Basically, we wish the best for every horse we sell. We hope they turn into runners and winners at whatever level."

The Blacks are not related, but teamed up in 2010 and have become a leading Pennsylvania breeder by pairing quality broodmares with some of the biggest stallion names in the country and heading to the sales market. The Justify colt was one of 35 or so born on the farm—about 30 miles east of Harrisburg—in 2021. Like anyone else, Blackstone keeps the foals together as long as possible. They live outside, walk and run and buck and play on rolling hills, and eventually head to the sales or—depending on the horse—join the racing stable.

Blackstone is set up as a breed-to-sell farm, however. When the Blacks teamed up, the business model was to create a quality broodmare band on the 350-acre farm and reap the benefits of the state's breeding program.

"In 2010, Christian and I got together," said Doug Black. "We saw eye to eye on

the vision of what we thought the farm could become and we put together a little program and plan. It's taken awhile, but it seems to be working."

The steps began with a trip to Keeneland November in 2010. Black bought two pregnant mares—River Brat (\$10,000) and Somethingtobelieve (\$24,000). Combined, they produced four foals to race, all sold by Blackstone, including a \$157,000 Unbridled's Song—River Brat yearling in 2015. It's been onward and upward since with horses such as Grade 2 winner and millionaire Tom's Ready, \$706,370-earner Bronx Beauty, Pennsylvania-bred champion The Critical Way, Grade 3 winner Dark Nile and plenty of others.

Call the Justify colt, the highest price ever paid for a Blackstone-bred, part of the progression.

"I know we all say that about our horses but it's true," said Christian Black. "We never brought a yearling up here or to any sale that at that stage was as special as he is. He looks like his dad, whatever that might mean to people. He's a very strong horse, but he's light on his feet and has a very good walk. He's correct and he obviously jumped through all the hoops we have to jump through now in the sales environ-



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Scott Mallory sold a Maryland-bred Candy Ride filly out of Ygritte on behalf of breeder Matt Dorman. Another Marylander, Ygritte's breeder and former owner Robert "Shel" Evans, bought the Saratoga filly.

ment. People that have shown they are willing to pay a million dollars for a horse were all lining up on him. We were hopeful, but you never expect it."

Foaled in late February, he spent 13 months at Blackstone—part of the herd, but then again not part of the herd.

"We believe in raising horses outside so he was on the same program as everything else on the farm, and eventually they get too playful and it becomes something else, where soundness or injury issues are something you worry about," said Christian Black. "Then we split them up. He was one who had to go by himself, not for anything else other than he was very dominant out there."

Warrendale's Hunter Simms goes to the farm every year, sees all the foals and tries to identify sales prospects. The Justify colt

made the list, and headed to Kentucky for final sales prep in early April.

"I loved him, every time, and I really wanted the horse to sell on behalf of them," said Simms. "They breed to the top, they raise a good horse."

This one handled the sales prep in Kentucky, and took it all one step further in Saratoga—a demanding sale on a horse with a crowded barn area, numerous buyers, a compressed schedule, lots of scrutiny and two nights of sales amidst what is essentially the most lively bar scene in Saratoga.

None of it mattered to Hip 78, who showed more than 200 times over the course of four days.

"He had such a presence about him," said Simms. "He would come out and show every time the exact same way. He

never got tired, he put his head down, he would stand like a picture. You could lead him around like a puppy dog. His demeanor and his mind were great. The sales can be a very stressful environment for horses. You're taking them away from their friends, you're shipping up here for 14 hours on a van. They're in a new spot, you're showing them on end for four days consistently. For a horse to come in, settle in and show himself as well as he did is remarkable."

Blackstone wasn't the only regional breeder to find Saratoga success. Marylander Matt Dorman's Determined Stud sold a \$600,000 Maryland-bred Candy Ride (Arg) filly. Foaled at Sycamore Hall Farm in Chesapeake City, the filly is the first out of the Tapit mare Ygritte, whose dam Irish Mission won Grade 3 stakes, was Grade



Larry Johnson's \$280,000 Munnings filly represents four generations of homebreds.

1-placed, earned \$1,357,073 and was twice a champion in Canada. Others in the family include Canadian stars French Beret and Mythical Mission. Dorman bought Ygritte, carrying the Saratoga filly, for \$300,000 in 2020.

The chestnut helped consignor Scott Mallory through his first Saratoga sale, while showcasing some of the early fruits of Dorman's foray into breeding at this level. Dorman owns a barn at Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland, and races regularly in the region with trainer Phil Schoenthal, though changed his plans to build a farm from scratch in Maryland in favor of a Kentucky base. Some mares will still foal in Maryland, however, and the success of Ygritte's yearling can only bolster that angle.

"I don't think the breeding program matters that much at a sale like that, where it does at some other sales," said Mallory. "You have to have a good horse. That crop was all Maryland and we foaled about half

there this year. Matt likes to race on the East Coast and he's a big supporter of the Maryland program."

Mallory paid credit to the filly for shining through in a stressful environment.

"She had the pedigree, but she had the walk too and even when she started slowing down, getting a little tired, she had a big walk on her and that sells them," he said. "It's not quite like the first couple books at Keeneland [September] where you're showing 60 or 70 times in one day, but it's a grind on horses—the longevity of it, and the heat up there. You have to have them fit for the sale and keep them hydrated and on electrolytes and those kinds of things."

The filly came full circle as she was purchased by agent Patrick Lawley-Wakelin for Marylander Robert "Shel" Evans. In 2010 they paid \$375,000 for Irish Mission as a yearling at Saratoga. Bred by Sam-Son Farm, she won seven races, finished second in the Queen's Plate, placed in a Grade 1 and earned \$1,357,073. Evans

bred Ygritte, who won just once before sending her to Candy Ride in 2020.

"Mr. Evans was coming up to Saratoga and I said we should look at her," Lawley-Wakelin said. "It was his mating, he'd worked on that pedigree, worked on that mating, so he was intrigued by that and decided we should take another look. He has a great eye and he just said the filly is exceptional."

Like Mallory, the buyers were impressed with the filly's attitude about the Saratoga atmosphere.

"I always like to watch these horses go into that big walking ring in the back because you know it's just jammed with people all over the place," Lawley-Wakelin said. "She walked right in, walked around and never turned a hair. We loved her walk and we loved her mind."

The filly shipped from Saratoga to Evans' Courtland Farm in Easton, Md., (60 or so miles south of her birthplace) where she'll stay through September.

Virginian Larry Johnson sold a Maryland-bred Munnings filly for \$280,000 through Paramount Sales, but had to admit to "mixed emotions" as the dark bay is part of a deep family of homebreds. Johnson bought her fourth dam Ran's Chick for \$2,400 in 1978. Looking back with what he knows about racing/breeding now, Johnson regularly says, "Anybody who would buy her would be crazy and anybody that would breed her would be even crazier." He did both, but the daughter of The Big Boss rewarded him with more than four decades of winners.

The Saratoga filly is out of What Time It Is, a stakes-placed winner of six races and \$221,070 whose six foals to race have all won and include stakes winner Never Enough Time and 2022 multiple stakes-placed Mr. Jefferson. By Partner's Hero, What Time It Is was one of seven winners for Star Kell including \$680,170-earner Strike the Moon. The family fans out to include Grade 3 winner and sire Street Magician, stakes winner Turn to T. J., stakes winner Oldies But Goodies, Grade 3 stakes-placed Hopeful Princess and plenty of others.

Heavily Mid-Atlantic, the family wouldn't necessarily carry a yearling at Saratoga but the Munnings filly built a following by herself.

"The people who looked at her in February thought she'd do well at Saratoga," said Johnson. "I wasn't as convinced because Saratoga can be so boutique."

Prepped on Johnson's farm in Virginia by Jonathan Smart and the staff, with some further input from consignor Andrew

Motion, the filly met the Kentucky-based Paramount squad in Saratoga and fit in.

"She's not a big, robust horse where you go 'Oh my God' when you see her, but she has a really athletic walk," said Johnson. "We did all the prep on the farm—I didn't do anything, but everyone else did. She went from our farm to the Saratoga barn. That makes you proud."

Agent Frankie Brothers bought two regional-breds for Starlight Racing, going to \$200,000 for a Pennsylvania-bred (Blackstone) Arrogate filly from Taylor Made and giving \$90,000 for a Maryland-bred (Country Life Farm) Bolt d'Oro colt from Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services.

Both fit Brothers' model of buying athletes, regardless of pedigree or state of origin.

"Many, many years ago it seemed like you had to be from one particular place or a few places, but not so much anymore," Brothers said. "You can raise a good horse anywhere if you do it right."

Brothers—who won the 1991 Preakness Stakes-G1 with Virginia-bred Hansel—does his homework when it comes to breeders, however.

"It never bothers me where they came from as long as I think it's a good farm and they were raised right," he said. "Country Life Farm, those people are terrific and they've been doing this a long time. They can raise a good horse. Both horses were nice strong horses that were presented well. It just happened to be where they were from."

The regional programs offer a potential bonus to Starlight, which races all over the country.

"The fact that they were Maryland-bred or Pennsylvania-bred was an added attraction," he said. "It's a good option to have. Maybe if they don't quite turn out to be as good as you think, they can race year-round in those states and do pretty well too."

SARATOGA NOTES: Virginia's Audley Farm sold two Virginia-bred yearlings at Saratoga via consignor Brookdale Farm. An Uncle Mo filly out of Coming Attraction went for \$180,000 to Haymarket Farm while a Munnings filly out of Filia brought \$200,000. The Uncle Mo filly, whose female family traces directly back to the

Phipps Stable's Hall of Famer Personal Ensign and boasts such runners as her third dam, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies-G1 winner My Flag, champion Storm Flag Flying, Parading and others, got a boost when her half-sister Jane Mast won at Saratoga July 23. Audley bought Coming Attraction, a daughter of Tapit, for \$575,000 in 2017 and has sold three yearlings for \$570,000 . . . Two Maryland-breds out of Curlin mares failed to sell for big prices. An Uncle Mo filly out of stakes winner Curlin's Fox, bred by The Elkstone Group LLC, was a buy back at \$485,000, and Determined Stud's colt by City of Light out of Style and Grace was a \$310,000 RNA. . . Maryland's Northview Stallion Station sold a Mendelssohn filly, bred in Kentucky and purchased for \$280,000 as a weanling, for \$425,000 to trainer Kenny McPeck as agent for Walking L Thoroughbreds. It was the Chesapeake City farm's first trip to Saratoga with a consignment since 2006. A Maryland-bred Mendelssohn colt consigned by Northview did not sell, as a \$145,000 RNA, but would be aimed for another sale this fall. ♦



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Time for Yearlings

Fall sales, prep work keep regional consignors busy

By Joe Clancy

The successes at two other Fasig-Tipton sales—the Midlantic division’s 2-year-old auction each spring and the Saratoga select yearling sale each summer—play a big role in the continued improvement at the Midlantic fall yearling sale even if they seem entirely separate.

And that might be more important this year than ever.

“Saratoga [where Fasig-Tipton sold just shy of \$67 million in yearlings] helps because we’ll have more people thinking they can come to this party and buy horses even if they couldn’t there,” said Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sales director Paget Bennett. “People have had good luck at our sale and the pinhookers like buying the state-breds here and bringing them back in May to sell. They look at this sale, and then target in May because of that regional strength.”

Bennett and the team at the Fair Hill office were putting together a catalog of 500 or more yearlings for this year’s sale, at Timonium Oct 3-4 and fielding interest from consignors and buyers looking to get into the ring.

Graduates such as new millionaire Field Pass, Grade 1 winners Army Mule, Henley’s Joy and Long On Value and 2022 General George Stakes-G3 winner Cordmaker will do that. As usual, there should be something for everyone at Timonium, which will sell horses bred in Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and even Canada. Regional consignors will certainly play a big role, but the sale will again draw from a variety including Kentucky’s Hill ‘n’ Dale, Vinery, Gainesway, Paramount and others.

“It’s one of my favorite sales of the year,” said Kentucky-based Scott Mallory, whose consignment tentatively went about a dozen deep and was heavy on





Maryland-breds from Matt Dorman's Determined Stud. "The only time I didn't go to Timonium was a huge mistake and I should have gone there. We love the staff there and it's a great mix of buyers."

Bennett will like that assessment, though it won't change much in terms of preparation.

"It's pretty exciting," she said of the rising opinions. "The local people seem to have a lot of horses and we're getting more interest from some of the other consignors than ever. That translates to a good group of horses for people to buy."

Back on the farms, no matter what state, consignors were busy putting the finishing touches on sales horses. Step-counters were working overtime.

"We get up every morning and hand walk them or put them on the free walker," said Sabrina Moore, whose GreenMount Farm consignment expected to hit 20 yearlings. "They get a bath, they get groomed every day. We don't supplement too hard. When I send a horse to a sale, I like to think people are seeing what they get. We're not heavy-prepping them."

Moore, who sold a \$150,000 Tiznow filly last year, called hand-walking an

important part of the equation. Yearlings learn to walk forwardly, up with their handlers, and work on the muscles they'll need when shown multiple times on a single day the week of the sale. Chifney bits go in, just for the feel, and decisions get made based on individual preference.

"We want them to figure out how to walk with their handler and have some pep," Moore said. "Some prefer a lip chain, some want a chifney, some don't want anything at all."

The GreenMount squad includes a Malibu Moon colt out of stakes winner Mystic Love. Co-bred with Spendthrift Farm, the dark bay goes way back with Moore as the dam was purchased at Timonium in 2013 to help get GreenMount started. Since then, the daughter of Not For Love has produced five-time winner Mystic Times (sold for \$95,000 as a weanling) and \$100,000 yearling Where's Bridgit.

"He's a cool horse and has a personality to go with it," said Moore. "He loves to have a job and I think if he applies that to his training nothing will stop him. He's fun to see just develop more with the sales prep we've done."

Breeder Walt Vieser sent Moore a Hard Spun filly out of Clever Girl, who made an early impression at the farm while trying to match a GreenMount/Vieser sale of a Great Notion colt for \$60,000 last year. A Warrior's Reward colt is out of G G's Dolly, whose daughter Loan Guarantee produced 2022 Penn Mile-G2 winner Wow Whata Summer.

"It's a good group," said Moore. "The regional horses I have are really cool and have nice, strong physicals. They look good and I'm happy with where they're headed. Anything I put in my consignment I would buy myself."

Though the numbers could fluctuate based on other sales and breeders' decisions to sell or not, Mallory expects a consignment of 13 at Timonium with a half-dozen representing Dorman's breeding program. Sire names get pretty deep with the likes of Uncle Mo, Omaha Beach, Outwork, Bernardini and Twirling Candy on the list along with a filly by Pennsylvania stallion Wicked Strong.

Determined Stud paid \$400,000 to buy Tapit mare Benvenutta at Fasig-Tipton November in 2020. The filly she was carrying, by Omaha Beach, made the Timonium

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list thanks in large part to her family. Benvenutta never raced, but is a full-sister to Grade 1 winner and top stallion Constitution.

"She's not a really big horse, but she will stand out in that atmosphere," said Mallory. "At that sale, she'll stand out. Somewhere else she just might be another Omaha Beach."

Mallory and Determined Stud sold a Maryland-bred at Saratoga for \$600,000, an example of the strength of the yearling market. Timonium might not match that number, but yearling sales are attracting attention and forcing breeders who might otherwise keep a horse to race to make decisions.

"The sales have been so strong, that you've got to think about them even if you've got a horse you really like," Mallory said. "We're bringing a Bernardini filly that's really, really nice just for that reason."

Consignor Becky Davis sent a list of 24 yearlings to Fasig-Tipton, and hopes none of them send her to the hospital with a concussion the way one did last year.

"I'm not going to be doing that this year," she said with a laugh. "I won't add excitement to the sale this year."

Not that way anyway. She topped the sale in 2016, 2017 and 2020 and has sold the likes of millionaire Field Pass, stakes winner and Grade 1 producer Awesome Flower and stakes winner Divine Huntress at Timonium. The 2016 topper, First Mondays, brought \$450,000. He won his first two starts and placed in a Grade 3 before getting injured and retiring to stud duty at Northview Stallion Station.

"I think that stuff helps," she said of past success in the sales ring and racetrack. "The way that we raise them, and the way we prep them, is why they become good racehorses. That's important."

Davis shifted into teacher mode when asked about the prep work at the farm in Maryland. Yearlings in her care don't go in a free walker. They don't swim. They don't spend months in stalls avoiding the sun. They stay in groups—rough, rowdy groups—for as long as they can.

"They need to be out as much as possible, and they're out all night in the summer—well, the fillies are out all night—the colts I don't trust them as long," she said. "You get one who gets a little silly, stirs up everybody else and creates problems."

Still, they're outside as much as possible. They typically come in at lunch time, get hosed, rubbed and walked—learning all the time. Hand-walking is the rule, and a typical session lasts a half-hour and treks all over the farm.

"We try to do different stuff all the time," said Davis, who was prepping 16 this year. "We're not going to walk them around the stallion paddocks or too close to the field full of broodmares who run the fence, but they walk in and around all the yearling paddocks, down the driveway, through the teasing stocks. We make them go through mazes and stuff (built with feed bags, straw bales, whatever) so they're mentally prepared for doing different things."

The yearlings don't walk every day—mostly due to staffing issues—but they're active.

Exercise, fitness and appearance are part of it, but aren't the only goals and aren't even the most important pieces to the puzzle. Davis wants to work on a yearling's mind as much as its body. She stopped having her horses inspected for Saratoga, though she thinks some are Saratoga quality, because of the pressure

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to produce a more finished product in August. Early October allows Davis to do the work and produce the kind of horse she appreciates selling.

"They're allowed to be horses, allowed to grow up, allowed to just be horses as long as they can," she said. "People are so worried about what they look like, and it's unnatural. I understand it, but I don't want them to look like they're 2-year-olds by the time August gets here. The chances of them becoming good racehorses are better if I do it this way. That's what I believe anyway."

Of course, she balances the reward with some risk. Horses get kicked and sport bumps, bruises, scratches and scrapes. Their coats might shine a degree or two less because of the time spent in the sun. And the yearlings aren't exactly ignored—they follow a nutrition plan, they get farrier work when they need it and look their best come sales time.

"I think they look fantastic but they're naturally what they are," Davis said. "The only negative to me is my horses will get a little tired at the sale sometimes, but I'd rather have that than have them not be racing sound later.

"It's all a balancing act, the whole thing. The better horses I've gotten, the harder it is. If you've got one that you think might bring 200 to 500 thousand, it's hard to let them hang out in the field together getting ready to do who knows what."

Davis' consignment adds pedigree to her yearling-raising beliefs this year. Sires include Nyquist, Munnings, Practical Joke, Speightstown, Arrogate and Bernardini. A Munnings colt out of Frost Fire, whose 2019 filly by Gun Runner is 2-for-3 for owner/breeder Jon Marshall, will attract attention. Haskell Stakes-G1 winner Cyberknife, out of Davis graduate Awesome Flower, figures in the pedigrees of two in the consignment—an Arrogate colt out of How My Heart Works and a Munnings filly out of Uniquely Chic. Both dams are half-sisters to Cyberknife's dam Awesome Flower.

A Bernardini filly out of the Deputy Minister mare Dynamic Deputy will have pedigree researchers digging around. Dynamic Deputy, the dam of stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Another Broad, and stakes winner and nine-time winner Dynamic Strike, is from a female family that includes graded winners Stellar Brush and Star Minister, among others.

"That's a Meyerhoff family so there's tons and tons of page there," Davis said. "She's big, tall and really good looking too."

NOTES: Bill Reightler, Marshall Silverman and Northview Stallion Station will have typically big consignments at the sale, with numbers in the 50s. Northview comes off a foray to Saratoga where a Kentucky-bred weanling pinhook brought \$425,000. Silverman sold a Mitole filly at the New York-bred sale in Saratoga for \$110,000. . . Chanceland Farm will also be busy at Timonium, selling seven for itself, and another 11 as agent. Most are from regional stallions, though yearlings by Carpe Diem, The Factor, Race Day, Honor Code, Air Force Blue and Noble Mission (GB) are on the list. The squad includes a half-sister to Cordmaker, by Honor Code, and a half-sister to Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 winner Aloha West by Divining Rod . . . Chris Gracie's consignment included a dozen by Mitole, Bernardini, Exaggerator and Speightster . . . New Maryland-based consignor Mikelle Farm brings six, four by regional stallions Bourbon Courage, Long River and Holy Boss. ♦



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Filly by BARBADOS—Tajol, by Spring At Last ■ Out of half-sister to G2 **PROPER GAMBLE**, family of G1 **PINE CIRCLE**, MG2 **AZTEC HILL**, etc.

Colt by BRETHREN—Smile Big, by Big Drama ■ Second foal out of \$263,419 winner. By son of Distorted Humor and leading 2YO sire.

Filly by Golden Lad—Waltzing Cat, by More Than Ready ■ Half to stakes-placed **Irie Empress**. Graded stakes family.

Colt by OUTFLANKER—Saucy Countess, by Tabasco Cat ■ Half to **LOTSA MISCHIEF**. Sterling family of champion 2YO filly and millionaire **COUNTESS DIANA**.

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Jersey Fresh

Owner Gold realizes racing dream with Grade 1 Haskell win by Cyberknife

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You can take the man out of New Jersey, but he'll always be a New Jerseyan. And what does it mean to win Monmouth Park's Haskell Stakes? It's a dream come true.

Al Gold has seen his racetrack fortunes change dramatically in his nearly 50 years of going to Monmouth Park. As a 17-year-old, armed with a *Daily Racing Form* and his Friday-evening homework, he'd head out to the Oceanport track on Saturday trying to pick winners, and admits his strike rate wasn't all that impressive.

In less than two minutes on a hot summer day at New Jersey's shore track July 23, he hit it big.

Gold had a contender in Monmouth's \$1 million signature race. Joined by family and lifelong friends, he watched as his chestnut colt Cyberknife, racing under his Gold Square colors, kept his mind on business, got a heads-up ride by Florent Geroux, hugged the rail down the stretch and captured the TVG.com Haskell-G1 by a head over Taiba. Gold found it nearly impossible to describe his excitement.

"You always have fantasies," he said after the race. "You want to win the Kentucky Derby and all the big races, but this is one of the ones I really wanted to win."

The winning move was much more powerful than the final margin indicated, as Cyberknife drove past 3-5 favorite Jack Christopher and Taiba in deep stretch before Taiba dug in and came back near the wire. Final time for 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles was a track record 1:46.24 as sons of Gun Runner completed the exacta.

Cyberknife has a reputation of having a mind of his own, but trainer Brad Cox has seen growth in the colt who was making his ninth career start.

"I think this is his best race to date," said the trainer, winner of the last two Eclipse Awards. "Throughout the race I

thought he looked very professional with the way he handled himself. At the quarter pole, Florent Geroux had a nice hold of him and he was loaded. He responded well when asked. He flew at the end."

This year's Haskell didn't have a classic winner in the eight-horse field, but it did draw the winners of three Grade 1 Triple Crown preps—Arkansas Derby winner Cyberknife, Santa Anita Derby winner Taiba and Florida Derby winner White Abarrio. Jack Christopher, unbeaten in four starts, joined the fray while racing beyond a mile for the first time. The Chad Brown trainee had dominated the competition in each start, the most impressive his previous outing, a 10-length destruction of the 7-furlong Woody Stephens-G1 field at Belmont Park on Belmont Stakes day.

On a day where temperatures soared into the 90s, but was made more tolerable by ocean breezes, the temperamental Cyberknife jiggled and bounced around the paddock.

"He was a getting a little warm and he was a little on his toes for me, but he was able to channel his energy and run a big race," said Cox, who had grabbed a shank and helped lead the colt before heading to the track. "He's been a challenging horse at times. A lot of the good ones are."

Breaking from the inside post, Cyberknife settled off the pace set by long-shot Benevento, who had Jack Christopher stalking through modest fractions of :23.50 and :46.96. The leaders accelerated down the backstretch, getting 6 furlongs in 1:09.93, and Jack Christopher took over rounding the far turn. As Jack Christopher entered the stretch, he was joined to his outside by Taiba, and the lightly raced



favorites were in a battle to the wire until Cyberknife appeared to their inside and surged past. Jack Christopher ended up 2 lengths behind the top pair. As the nearly 8-1 fourth choice, Cyberknife paid \$17.60. In recording his fifth win, Cyberknife boosted his earnings to \$1,596,520.



Cyberknife (right) digs in to win the Haskell over Taiba (left) and Jack Christopher (blaze).

Cyberknife is the third foal, and first colt, for 2014 Maryland-bred champion older female Awesome Flower, who campaigned for Ken and Sarah Ramsey after they claimed her for \$30,000 in her last start as a 3-year-old in December 2012. The daughter of Flower Alley and

Formalities Aside (by Awesome Again) was bred by Tom and Chris Bowman, Milton P. Higgins III and Three Chimneys Farm, and sold as a yearling by Becky Davis, for \$45,000 at the 2010 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale to Arnie Heft and trainer Tim Keefe.

Awesome Flower won her second start at Laurel Park in January 2012, and placed twice for Keefe that year before selling privately to Frank Calabrese late that year.

"I remember looking at another horse of Becky's at the sale and [Awesome Flower] walked by and I asked who she



Owner Al Gold holds the Haskell trophy after Cyberknife's win.

was,” said Keefe. “I really liked her. She ran OK, but she just wasn’t quite mature enough. My idea was to turn her out and forget about her for a little while, but they called and made an offer and Arnie was at the stage where he wanted to sell.”

Heft, 93 at the time, made the deal (he died in March 2014). Calabrese and trainer Luis Ramirez ran Awesome Flower once, at Gulfstream Park. Risked for a \$30,000 tag, she finished second and was claimed by the Ramseys and trainer Mike Maker.

She won five of her first 10 starts for the new connections, culminating in two stakes wins and a Grade 2 placing. Over three years Awesome Flower made 24 starts for the Ramseys, won six stakes,

placed in seven others, including three graded, and retired an earner of \$556,593.

Gold, who said he’s “tried a little of everything over the years—claiming a little bit but didn’t really like that, going to yearling sales and 2-year-old sales. . . but I like the yearling sales the best,” had his racing manager Joe Hardoon, and trainer Chad Summers look at yearlings at the Fasig-Tipton selected yearlings showcase in Lexington, Ky., in 2020.

Cyberknife caught their attention as part of the Ramsey Farm consignment.

“That was the sale in the Covid year and they didn’t have it in Saratoga,” said Gold, who enjoys going to the sales and looking at the horses but lets the professionals pick

for him. “[Hardoon and Summers] called me and told me this horse is really special and said we should try to purchase him, so we vetted him out and he was clean so we bought him.” The price was \$400,000.

Gold didn’t see Cyberknife until the colt was in Ocala with Susan Montanye (SBM Training and Sales) being broken. “I watched him breeze a couple of times down there—probably December or January,” said the owner. “After Susan broke the horse he went to Brad.”

Now retired from the commercial real estate business, Gold no longer resides in New Jersey, instead splitting time in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and Delray Beach, Fla. But his children don’t live far from Monmouth—his daughter Dayna in Red Bank and son Bryan in Long Branch—and have a box at the track.

“I couldn’t afford a box when I was a kid,” said Gold.

With a Haskell winner, he has much more.

Haskell Day Excitement

After Search Results won the Grade 3 Molly Pitcher Stakes, the third of four graded stakes wins in a row for trainer Chad Brown and jockey Flavien Prat, there were big smiles and happy connections, including those outside the winner’s circle.

Owner Will Schwartz and trainer John Servis were thrilled with the effort of Leader of the Band, who rallied in the stretch at 16-1 to finish second in a race the connections had pointed for all summer.

Based at Monmouth Park, Leader of the Band came into the Molly Pitcher off a victory in Monmouth’s Lady’s Secret Stakes in June. That was the second stakes win at the track for the 4-year-old daughter of Bandbox, who won the Monmouth Oaks-G3 the year before.

Bred and campaigned by Schwartz in the name of SMD Ltd., Leader of the Band has taken her place as “our favorite so far,” said Schwartz. “We’re more emotionally tied with Leader of the Band given that we bred her.”

The first homebred graded stakes winner for SMD Ltd., the Pennsylvania-bred filly came back in her next start to win the Summer Colony Stakes at Saratoga Aug. 19, taking Schwartz on another ride as his first stakes winner at the Spa.

Schwartz bred Leader of the Band out of the Sir Cat mare Catsuit, an astute claim in the spring of 2004. At the start of building a broodmare band, Schwartz noted the reasons he picked out the filly.



Grade 1 United Nations winner Adhamo (Ire) (top) helped power a big day for trainer Chad Brown, who also won major stakes with Klaravich Stable runners Highly Motivated (bottom left) and Search Results.



Pennsylvania-bred Leader of the Band finished second in the Grade 3 Molly Pitcher on Haskell Day, and went one better at Saratoga when she won the Summer Colony Stakes in her next start.

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Owner Peter Brant leads Lemista (Ire) after a victory in the Grade 3 Matchmaker Stakes, which also included a season to one of three WinStar stallions—Global Campaign, Tom's d'Etat or Improbable.

"I really liked her page, her family," he said. "And thought she'd be a good fit for the level of breeding I was thinking about, which was to be able to compete in the Mid-Atlantic."

Catsuit, now 22, has produced 10 foals—nine starters, eight winners, four stakes performers—all campaigned by Schwartz and trained by Servis.

"I've been with John since 2003, the year before Smarty Jones," said Schwartz. "In fact, I claimed Catsuit in May 2004, it was about a week after Smarty won [the Preakness]. John was very, very busy and I also had horses with Don Reeder. I reached out to Don to claim Catsuit only because I thought John was a little too focused on other things and didn't want to bother him claiming a \$32,000 filly at Parx."

With the Summer Colony score, Leader of the Band won for the sixth time in 15 starts (to go with four seconds and three thirds) while pushing her earnings to \$552,940.

Haskell Day Notes

- Highly Motivated kicked off the graded stakes action with a score in the Grade 3 Monmouth Cup. The first of the Brown/Prat winners on the card, the Klaravich Stables homebred broke Spend a Buck's 37-year-old track record for 1½ miles, stopping the clock in 1:46.53 and bettering the mark by .27 seconds. The record was short-lived when Cyberknife ran the distance .29 seconds faster four races later.

Brown sent out five winners on the 14-race card. The first was Awesome Aaron in the sixth race allowance, followed by his stakes quartet: Highly Motivated, Lemista (Ire) (Matchmaker Stakes-G3), Search Results and Adhamo (Ire) in the United Nations-G1. The latter, one of two Brown starters in the race, took over from 2021 U.N. winner Tribhuvan (Fr), who set the pace and yielded late to finish fourth.

Adhamo went off the favorite in the 69th running of the U.N., and finished 1½ lengths ahead of 72-1 Epic Bromance, who was a head better than Temple, with another head separating Tribhuvan in the 1¾-mile turf test. It was the 4-year-old chestnut's first Grade 1 victory after placing in two Grade 1 stakes this spring.

- Official track attendance for Haskell Day was 22,138, with \$1,303,642 wagered on track. All-sources handle totaled \$19,896,954—up from the 2021 figure of \$16,414,535, but off the record mark of \$20,479,392 set in 2020. ♦



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Claim to Fame

Miss Leslie adds Delaware Handicap to growing list of achievements for BB

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A simple claim has led to a wild ride for Bobby LaBanca.

When he claimed Miss Leslie for \$25,000 out of a maiden race at Laurel Park Nov. 13, 2020, he never could have imagined the success this mare would enjoy. The crescendo came July 9, when

she earned her first graded stakes victory in the Delaware Handicap-G2 by a whopping 12 lengths. It was her seventh stakes win and her fifth since last November. LaBanca has turned his original investment into more than \$848,000 and a lifetime's worth of thrills.

LaBanca, who runs The Appian Way restaurant in Orange, N.J., had his interest in racing piqued by his father, Bruno, who also owned racehorses. One of his more notable ones, Great Boone, finished second in the 1978 Tyro Stakes, ahead of the great Spectacular Bid. Bruno eventually got out of the horse business and moved to Arizona in retirement, but was talked back into returning by his son after surviving major surgery about 10 years ago.

"I told him, 'you have a second lease on life,'" said Bobby. "It wasn't easy, but I talked him into it." The nom de course of the partnership, BB Horses, comes from a combination of their two names: Bruno and Bobby.

Bruno returned to the ownership game in 2014, and he and Bobby campaigned their first runner under the BB Horses banner not long afterward. Within a few months, they teamed up with trainer Claudio Gonzalez, who was on his way to becoming one of the Mid-Atlantic's



Undefeated in three starts at Delaware Park, Miss Leslie now has the track's biggest prize, the Grade 2 Delaware Handicap, splashing home a 12-length winner.

top trainers. A native of Santiago, Chile, Gonzalez arrived in the United States in the fall of 1995 and began working for Juan Serey not long afterward. Gonzalez stayed with Serey until 2002, and went on to work for Gary Contessa and Ben Perkins Jr. Gonzalez went out on his own in 2012 and saddled his first winner with his second starter in November of that year at Laurel.

When he partnered with BB Horses, Gonzalez was coming off a career-best year, with 77 wins and more than \$2 million in earnings. The team struck paydirt with one of their first claims, taking Sweet On Smokey for \$12,500 at Monmouth Park in July 2015. She went on to win four stakes races and earn more than \$370,000 for her new connections.

“He’s picked us a few good ones, and he does most of the claims for us, because he’s down in Maryland and I’m up here in New Jersey,” said LaBanca. “The Miss Leslie claim was all him.”

Miss Leslie originally raced for her breeder, Maxis Stables. Her dam, Zeenut, was the first foal out of Royal Emblem (SAf), a group stakes winner in her native South Africa. Zeenut won once from 13 starts, a maiden special weight at Turfway Park in December 2010, and earned \$31,261. The daughter of Mingun was bred to Paynter during the 2017 breeding season, and sold for \$1,000 at Keeneland November while carrying Miss Leslie.

In October 2020, Miss Leslie made her debut for a \$25,000 tag at Laurel for Maxis Stable and trainer Anthony Lynch. She chased the pace and finished second behind future stakes horse Trip to Freedom. Twelve days later, she finished third for a \$40,000 tag, and two weeks after that, she caught Gonzalez’s attention at Laurel. She won going 5½ furlongs that day and joined the Gonzalez stable. She capped her 2-year-old season with two more wins, including a victory in the Anne Arundel County Stakes at Laurel Dec. 26.

As a 3-year-old, Miss Leslie won the Weber City Miss Stakes at Pimlico in April, but did not hit her best stride until October. Beginning with an allowance win at Delaware Park she rattled off a three-race winning streak, including back-to-back stakes wins, the Thirty Eight Go Go and Carousel, at Laurel. She had already dramatically exceeded expectations, but she was just getting started.

Following three defeats to begin her 2022 campaign, she started another three-race streak with a win in the Serena’s Song Stakes at Monmouth May 8. She then defeated odds-on favorite Battle Bling in



Angel Cruz showers owner Bobby LaBanca (far right), trainer Claudio Gonzalez (left) and groom Roberto Toledo with Del Handicap blanket flowers as the team celebrates Miss Leslie's victory.

the Obeah Stakes at Delaware next out, setting herself up for a bid in the Delaware Handicap.

LaBanca wasn’t concerned about the 1¼-mile distance of the Delaware Handicap: “The longer for her, the better. Her heart’s really in it every time. We’ve had lots of luck with her.”

Miss Leslie lived up to expectations and then some that day. Over a sloppy track on a rainy afternoon, she was sent off the slight favorite over Battle Bling, stalked the pace, made her move to the lead on the far turn, and splashed clear of the rest of the field. LaBanca described the feeling of watching her pull away was “euphoric.” First run in 1937, the Delaware Handicap carried Grade 1 status through much of its history and has been won by the likes of Busanda, Endine, Politely, Obeah, Our Mims, Susan’s Girl, Jameela, Royal Delta, Songbird and Elate.

“[Angel Cruz] gave her an amazing ride,” said LaBanca. “She won that race with ease. If [Cruz] had asked her, she could’ve won it by more. When she came back after the race, she looked great. It was like she had been out for a stroll.”

After that big win, Gonzalez and LaBanca had their sights set on Grade 1

company for her next start, but a slight injury sent her to the sidelines. She’ll be offered at Fasig-Tipton’s star-studded November sale in Kentucky.

Miss Leslie’s injury hasn’t slowed LaBanca down one bit. He’s kept Sweet On Smokey as a broodmare, who has so far produced four foals. The oldest, 3-year-old Ladro Di Fichi, is a Maryland-bred daughter of Blame in Gonzalez’s Laurel stable. She has placed in all seven of her starts. LaBanca is especially high on Sweet On Smokey’s yearling filly by Gun Runner, who he calls “a real special looking filly.” Sweet On Smokey was bred to Engage for 2023. Another one of his broodmares, Landing Zone (by Morning Line), a multiple stakes-placed winner of more than \$200,000 also trained by Gonzalez after a \$25,000 claim in November 2019, was retired after a second-place finish in the 2021 Misty Bennett Pink Ribbon Stakes last August and was bred this spring to first-year Maryland sire Fortune Ticket.

Regardless of what happens down the road, Miss Leslie has already given LaBanca and Gonzalez an amazing experience. “To see your horse win like that, and do what she did, it’s a really special feeling. It’s beyond explanation,” said LaBanca. ♦

Dream Horse

Down Royal captures Gr. 1 Smithwick for South Carolina-based Dalton team

BY JOE AND SEAN CLANCY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY TOD MARKS

Minutes after winning the Grade 1 A.P. Smithwick Memorial aboard Down Royal at Saratoga Race Course July 20, Bernie Dalton tried to explain racing, and life.

"You know how life can change in a second, in a good way, in a bad way," the 53-year-old jump jockey said. "This game is like that. One race changes your life. Or your outlook anyway."

Asked if the Smithwick changed his life or his outlook, Dalton hesitated and then smiled.

"Probably a little bit of both," he said. "Probably a little bit of both."

That's what happens when you and your wife breed, co-own, train, ride, run and ship a Grade 1 winner at Saratoga.

Sent off as the fourth choice in the field of seven, Down Royal rallied from

sixth, slipping inside to nail Chief Justice (GB) in the final strides to win by a neck. Owned by Shadowfax Stable and trained by Kate Dalton, the 8-year-old daughter of Alphabet Soup earned her first Grade 1 stakes win in her 23rd start, increasing her earnings to \$277,474. The Daltons owned and campaigned Down Royal's dam, Miss Crown. The daughter of High Yield won two of 17 and placed in five hurdle stakes from 2008 through 2011. When she retired, they went into the breeding business. Down Royal is her second foal and one of just two to get to the races.

"I loved her mother," Bernie Dalton said. "I couldn't win a stake with her mother. This mare was very much like that until a year ago."

Trained her entire career at Springdale Training Center in Camden, S.C., Down Royal made her 7-year-old debut at the Queen's Cup in North Carolina that April. She was riding an 11-race losing streak, though she earned checks in seven of the defeats, including two stakes. Bernie suggested taking her off Lasix, Kate resisted and eventually agreed. The Smithwick



Down Royal (right) jumps comfortably in mid-pack early in the A.P. Smithwick with Pistol Whipped (3) and Chief Justice leading.

score gave her five wins in six starts, with a second, since the change.

“Bernie mentioned it several times. I was worried about it because I hate when they bleed. I get very upset when they bleed, I feel for them. It has to be distressing and we knew she did bleed as a 2-year-old, so it was a hard decision to make,” Kate Dalton said. “The day we ran the first time without it, it was cold and rainy. I thought, she shouldn’t bleed here. Then she won and I couldn’t put her back on it. That’s the only thing that’s changed. We haven’t changed how we train her. We haven’t changed how we feed her. We haven’t changed where she lives. We took her off Lasix, I have to think that’s part of it.”

In three of those wins, Down Royal bottom fed on a depleted filly and mare division, including one when the winner failed a post-race medication test. Asterisks? Perhaps. There was no asterisk in the Smithwick. Down Royal beat six male rivals (five high-profile foreign-breds), with 31 wins and more than \$1 million in earnings, on the square.

“Until today, I felt we’d gotten lucky a lot,” Kate Dalton said. “She legitimately won that race at Queen’s Cup, fair enough, but let’s be honest, the filly division hasn’t been that tough—four-horse races, five-horse races, you know there’s usually one to beat not five or six like there was today. She had to dig in today. Today was legit.”

Second choice Pistol Whipped (Ire) took up the pace chores, with favorite Iranistan stalking in second. Chief Justice tucked into third on the inside. Historic Heart (Ire) and Redicean (GB) followed them. Down Royal found a comfortable spot in sixth. French Light (Fr) trailed.

After a circuit, Pistol Whipped jumped out to his right and surrendered in a matter of strides. He was pulled up a fence later. Iranistan inherited the lead with Chief Justice cruising to his inside. Historic Heart, Redicean and French Light began to creep as Dalton sat and suffered as the Irish jump jockeys say.

“Traveled,” Bernie said. “Jumped.”

The keys to winning a 2 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile stakes at Saratoga.

Down Royal flew the hurdle past the wire to keep it close and saved ground all the way around the third turn. Turning down the back, Dalton slid three wide as Iranistan and Redicean continued to pitch, French Light volleyed from the outside, Chief Justice hung tough on the cones and



The nearly white mare Down Royal outduels Chief Justice to the finish for her first Grade 1 win.

Historic Heart pecked and lost his chance at the second-last.

“When I turned down the back, I said I’ll just angle out a little off the fence just in case something backs up in front of me,” Bernie said. “We were going a real, good honest-to-God gallop.”

Jumping errors, or at least, blemishes continued to scald on everyone but Down Royal. Midway on the turn, Iranistan and Redicean led but began to back off as Chief Justice roared to the lead. Like a kid following an ice-cream truck, Down Royal tracked to the outside.

“I thought he would give me a lead, I figured maybe he would idle, it’s a long stretch with no jump. I thought I’d press the button after the wings and see if I can get there,” Bernie said. “Jumping the last, I was like, ‘I’m going to get a piece of it.’ Halfway around the turn, I was like, ‘OK I’ve got second.’ The closer we got to the wire, the more confident I was that I might get there, I wasn’t sure, but we just got there.”

A 53-year-old jockey, a mainstay exercise rider in New York for years, winning a Grade 1 on an 8-year-old mare he co-bred with the trainer, his wife. At Saratoga. Call Hollywood.

“You don’t even dream of days like this. If you’re in this game to make money, you’re in the wrong business. This is a game you do for love and passion and you

want to do it,” Bernie said. “Believe you me, there are days, you’re mucking out stalls, it’s cold, it’s wet, you haven’t had a winner for six months, you’re struggling to pay bills and you’re looking at each other, like, ‘Why are we doing this?’ Then some horse steps up and wins you a race and all of a sudden, you’re like, ‘That’s the greatest game on Earth.’”

Saratoga Round-Up

■ A July 27 first-level allowance hurdle would have looked OK as a summer turf race as seven of the nine had made starts in New York, Kentucky or Florida before changing careers. Upland Flats Racing’s Freddy Flintshire, whose flat career included two English losses for Marco Botti and seven more in Louisiana and Kentucky for Brendan Walsh, improved to 2-for-4 over jumps with a 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ -length win.

Trained by Keri Brion and ridden by Parker Hendriks, the 4-year-old Flintshire (GB) gelding waited behind a slow pace before circling around horses off the final turn and drawing away. Proven Innocent finished second with Grey Giant third. Freddy Flintshire made two English starts for breeder AJ Suited in 2020 before selling to Qatar Racing and sent to Walsh. Second in April 2021, he was unplaced in three starts last year before being sold as a hurdle prospect.



Parker Hendriks pats Freddy Flintshire after his Saratoga allowance win.



Howyabud (right) bides his time early alongside Burn The Evidence in the Jonathan Kiser.

Third in his hurdle debut a month after his final flat start last fall, he opened 2022 with a third at Aiken in March and won a maiden in late April to take aim at Saratoga.

“Brendan Walsh’s assistant [Paul Madden] reached out to me last fall and said he had a horse he thought would suit jumping,” said Brion. “He came to me, we got him jumping in three weeks. We brought him back this spring and I knew he would be a Saratoga horse so we planned to get him here. It’s a great outlet for horses, and he’s a great example of it.”

Qatar Racing’s Sheikh Fahad al Thani made the winner’s circle afterward to welcome his former horse.

“It’s fantastic,” he said. “We always thought he could be a good horse and I’m very happy to be here watching him win—100 percent happy for the horse. He’s got talent. He just needed a few hurdles in front of him.”

Barry John Foley used to watch Saratoga jump races from his home in Ireland.

“We always thought it was lunacy,” the steeplechase jockey said. “Just because of the speed. At home, you’d never go as fast as this, it’s chalk and cheese.”

Chalk meet cheese.

Years after thinking it was lunacy, the Irish jockey guided Howyabud (Ire) to a 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ -length win over Decisive Triumph and Going Country in the Jonathan Kiser Novice Stakes at Saratoga Aug. 3. Owned by Irv Naylor and trained by Brion, the 5-year-old son of Milan improved his hurdle record to a cool 3-for-3.

Foley placed Howyabud in fourth on the inside. Settled and smooth, Howyabud moved to third with a circuit to go, second halfway down the backside the second time and to the lead coming out of the final turn. Decisive Triumph battled hard but settled for a gallant second (his fourth consecutive placing in novice stakes). Going Country (Ire) closed to pick up third.

“Jumped, traveled. Keri thought he might be a little bit slow and it might be sharp for him but he jumped unbelievable,” Foley said. “He never put me under any pressure. I was always happy during the race. Turning in, I wasn’t worried about anything behind me. I thought Decisive Triumph might stay, he’s ultra-tough, I actually feel for that horse, he should win one. But this horse is a fair tune.”

State of Affair galloped to a 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -length victory in a \$70,000 allowance Aug. 10,

bouncing back from a fifth two weeks earlier that jockey Tom Garner put on himself.

“I will actually admit it now, I actually gave him a bad ride because my plan was to go out in front,” Garner said of the first Saratoga start. “Every time I have won [and] I have ridden him, I’ve gone from the front.”

The 6-year-old Giant’s Causeway gelding tracked the early pace set by Hurtgen Forest, took the lead approaching the sixth fence, opened a 6-length lead that widened to the finish. State of Affair won for the second time in seven starts over jumps for trainer Todd Wyatt and owner Gill Johnston.

“He’s doing great,” Wyatt said. “His biggest strength is his gallop. His form has shown, he’s a big horse [and] probably needs a race. I’m probably more conservative than a lot of people so I could possibly not have him quite as good as I could have him the last day. I thought he’d improve. Mrs. Johnston, I wish she was here today. She was going to come but she couldn’t make it up. It’s so nice to win up here. It’s just the best, we’re so lucky.”

Purchased at Tattersalls in fall 2019, State of Affair made his jumping debut the following June and was injured when brought down by another horse on the flat. After more than a year, he returned and won a maiden hurdle at Great Meadow in October 2021. He opened 2022 with a second and a third in the spring before the Saratoga rebound.

“He’s fit, he feels fantastic,” said Garner. “All credit to the guys back at Mr. Wyatt’s barn. He’s got a future. We always said he did, but he’s not the easiest sometimes, but he’s certainly one of my favorites.”

Staying busy at Colonial Downs

Hurdle races were part of the schedule at Virginia’s Colonial Downs, with two races each week starting July 11 and continuing through Labor Day. The focus was on maiden races and handicaps, plus the \$100,000 Randolph D. Rouse Stakes for fillies and mares Aug. 22.

Trainer Arch Kingsley won two, taking the opening maiden hurdle with Ancient Times July 11 and backing up that win with another by Hurtgen Forest July 18. Carrington Holdings owns both win-



State of Affair (left) battles Hurtgen Forest for the lead on his way to an August allowance victory.

ners—and bred the latter in New York—while Mark Watts was aboard both.

Other maiden winners included Bandua Aug. 15, as he steps into the early stages of a career over jumps for owner Michael Smith and trainer Neil Morris. The 7-year-old son of The Factor won twice on the flat in Ireland before coming to the United States for Calumet Farm in 2018. With trainer Jack Sisterson, the Kentucky-bred won the Grade 3 Arlington Handicap the next year and finished third in the Grade 1 Arlington Million a month later.

Trainer Keri Brion won four races over the first six weeks at Colonial—maiden hurdles with Pleasecallmeback and New Appointment (Ire) and handicaps with Theocrat (Ire) and Peat Moss (Ire).

Looking Ahead

The focus was firmly on Saratoga and Colonial Downs through Labor Day, but the schedule goes back to the traditional race meets this fall after a throwback stop at Aqueduct Sept. 15. The New York track hasn’t hosted a jump race since 1974, and gets back there thanks to construction on infield tunnels and other projects at Belmont Park. The renovations mean a new location for the Lonesome Glory-G1

and William Entenmann Novice Stakes over hurdles.

Maryland’s Shawan Downs meet starts the proper race-meet schedule Sept. 24 in Hunt Valley, where a \$35,000 timber stakes and a \$35,000 allowance hurdle share top billing.

October includes stops at Foxfield (Oct. 2) in Virginia, Genesee Valley in New York (Oct. 8) and Virginia Fall (Oct. 8).

All eyes will be on New Jersey’s Far Hills Races Oct. 15 with \$575,000 in total purses headlined by the \$250,000 American Grand National-G1 and five other stakes—3-year-old hurdle, 4-year-old hurdle, novice hurdle, 130 handicap hurdle and even a \$100,000 turf stakes going 2 miles. The latter is the John Forbes Memorial in tribute to the top New Jersey trainer who died in 2021.

A week after Far Hills, the International Gold Cup meet offers \$320,000 in purses highlighted by \$75,000 stakes over hurdles (Zeke Ferguson Memorial) and timber (International Gold Cup). South Carolina’s Aiken meet closes October with a \$90,000 day Oct. 29.

November will be busy, but quick, as Callaway Gardens and Montpelier share the Nov. 5 date, the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup goes Nov. 6 and Charleston wraps it all up Nov. 13 in South Carolina.

The Repository

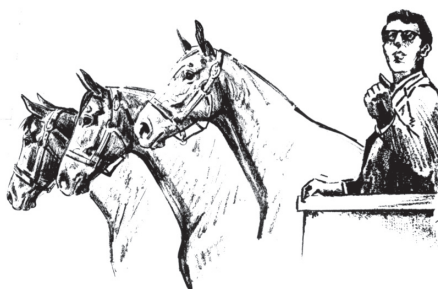
As the Keeneland September Sale approaches, I got to thinking about how horse sales have changed since Dixie and I sold our first yearling in 1974. I had bought that filly, by Sky Clipper, for \$1,200 from a show horse guy I knew in New Hope, Pa., and three months later we took her to Timonium. We prepped her like she was going to Devon, took her to the sale and sat on hay bales for three days waiting for buyers to show up. Finally, on sale day, they arrived and she topped the yearling portion of the mixed sale. The \$6,700 seemed like a fortune as I was earning \$7,500 a year as a law clerk in West Chester.

Our business progressed and we started taking other people's horses to the sales, acting as agents. It was simple; you led them out; showed them to the prospective buyers; then led them up to the ring and buyers either bought them or they didn't. It seemed to us that the better prepped they were the more they brought in the ring and we were very good at preparation having been involved with show horses all of our lives.

One of the reasons Dixie and I made the transition from show horses to Thoroughbreds was that we found it impossible to sell the show hunters that we had grown up riding. Every person who had any contact with the transaction had to "dip his beak" in the price. Often the price escalated to the point where it was double the original asking price and the horse just wasn't worth it.

If you successfully negotiated through the hidden commission maze, then you had the pre-purchase exam to sweat out. Vets were, and still are, aware that they will never go wrong by turning down a horse. Even if the animal turns out to be a champion, few will remember the reason for the turndown. Passing a horse means putting your reputation on the line and if you're wrong, you will lose the client and you may even be sued.

In the mid to late 1980s the vets began to show up at the sales. Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton had very different approaches to x-ray issues in sales yearlings. Keeneland's



conditions of sale contained no warranties with respect to the potential soundness of purchased horses. "You pays your money and you takes your chances" was the prevailing policy. Fasig-Tipton's conditions, on the other hand, said that, if a "defect of bone structure which would substantially impair the horse's ability to race or train" were discovered before the horse left the sales grounds, it could be returned to the seller as unsold.

Obviously, Keeneland was controlled by its consignors while Fasig-Tipton took a more consumer friendly approach. This led to a situation where a hot horse at Keeneland might get x-rayed and scoped a dozen times before it went to the ring while at Fasig the seller had to endure the torture of watching the high-priced yearling get x-rayed the next morning and then waiting for one of two outcomes. Either the van man came and took the horse away or Terence Collier came to find you to tell you that there was a "problem."

Sometimes an accommodation could be made where the consignor agreed to pay for a minor surgery to correct a problem and the sale went through but, if such an agreement could not be reached, the seller took the horse home.

We had an interesting and somewhat amusing example at the 1988 Keeneland September Sale. We had a filly by Lyphard's Wish (Fr) out of Quicksand (by Mill Reef) we were selling for International Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. She was Hip 1976 so she wasn't selling in the prime part of the sale. She was a very difficult filly and I believe she went to the ring with a \$20,000 reserve. To our amazement she sold for \$65,000 to the English agent Amanda Skiffington on behalf of the trainer William Haggas who was buying her for an English client. The next day I

got called up to Rogers Beasley's office. He told me there was a problem with post sale x-rays; I didn't have to take the filly back; but the buyers were hoping for some "accommodation."

I can't remember if it was an ankle chip or an OCD, but surgery was not an option. After consulting my client I offered the following deal. "You pay Keeneland for the filly and take her to England. Keeneland will hold the money until the filly's first work next spring. If she's sound after the first work, we get paid. If not we will take the filly back and Keeneland will refund your money." The buyers couldn't believe how accommodating we were being and accepted immediately. My feeling was that, with her European pedigree, the only place where she had any residual value was in England and we were getting a free plane ride for her.

Keeneland's lawyers prepared a written agreement which they faxed to the buyer in England. She signed and returned the agreement and then it was faxed to the lawyers for ITB, a publicly traded company. Faxes were relatively new at the time and I got a call from ITB's lawyer saying they "weren't entirely comfortable with a faxed signature." Perhaps being overly dramatic I said, "These people want to give us \$65,000 for a horse with a broken leg." "Oh," he said "in that case I think we can accept a faxed signature." In the spring the filly, named Wish Quick, passed her first work and we got paid.

This was a positive outcome which just took some creativity on our part. There were, however, many perfectly serviceable horses returned to their sellers at Fasig-Tipton sales and many horses that were overly stressed by repeated x-raying and scoping prior to their sale at Keeneland.

In 1996 the sales companies established an x-ray repository where consignors could voluntarily file a set of 32 x-rays of agreed upon views, certified by the veterinarian to be the x-rays of the horse in question, and taken within 10 days of the day that the horse was to be sold. The repository has been a double-edged sword with benefits and drawbacks which will be discussed in my October column. ♦

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Thomas crowns Bandbox colt at yearling show

By John Piassek



The 2022 Grand Champion Maryland-bred yearling was Hillwood Stables' Bandbox-Dearie Be Good colt handled by Jenna Isenock.

Near triple-digit temperatures brought some changes to the 88th annual Maryland Horse Breeders Association Yearling show. The start time at the Maryland State Fairgrounds horse show ring in Timonium July 24 was moved up one hour, to 9 a.m., and the format was altered slightly. Rather than having

everyone in a class enter the ring at once, classes with sufficient entries were split into two groups, to ensure no more than 10 horses in the ring at once.

Despite the changes, one thing remained the same from past years: an impressive showing from a Hillwood Stable yearling.

Grade 1-winning trainer Jonathan Thomas judged 59 yearlings on the sweltering day and selected Hillwood Stable's gray or roan Bandbox colt out of the Scrimshaw mare Dearie Be Good as grand champion. The winner of Class I had history on his side—his full sister was reserve champion in 2018 and his half-sister

(by Great Notion) was reserve champion in 2021.

Hillwood Stable is the nom de course of Ellen Charles, who has spent her life ensconced in Maryland racing and been directly involved with owning and breeding for almost two decades. Her parents were both industry mainstays. Her mother, Adelaide Riggs, bred and raced Thoroughbreds for decades. Her father, Merrall MacNeille, served as a steward at Maryland tracks for more than two decades.

Born in New York, Charles moved to Maryland at a young

age, and spent her childhood on the family farm in Howard County with her sister, Melissa Cantacuzene (also a Thoroughbred owner/breeder). Although always a fan of the sport, Charles spent most of her adult life as the president of the board of directors of the Hillwood Estate, Museum, and Gardens. The estate was originally the property of her maternal grandmother, Marjorie Merriweather Post, owner of the Postum cereal company and at one time the world's richest woman. Charles was instrumental in converting the Washington, D.C., estate into

a museum, which showcases much of Post's art collection.

In the mid-2000s, Charles decided to get involved in horse ownership and breeding herself.

"I had always wanted to do it, and I thought, 'Let me try it,'" Charles said. "It was a way to continue my mother's legacy." Charles bought some broodmares and began working with trainer Rodney Jenkins, whom she has continued with ever since. She named her operation Hillwood after her grandmother's estate and won her first race at Colonial Downs in August 2005.

Bandbox, purchased for \$105,000 at the 2009 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale, became the first big success for Charles. The son of Tapit won five of 15 starts, including the 2014 General George Handicap-G3, a race Charles won again this year with Cordmaker. "He was a wonderful horse," said Charles of Bandbox. "He had a lot of talent and loved to race."

At the end of his racing career, Bandbox went to stud at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, where he stood until his unexpected death before the start of the 2021 breeding season.

"He produced lots of handsome horses, and had a lot of good get," said Charles. "He was by Tapit, who is an incredible stallion, which helped. It's so sad that we lost him because he was really beginning to catch on. He was ready to take off as one of Maryland's top stallions."

Bandbox was Maryland's fourth-leading sire in 2020, and finished third in 2021. Through mid-August, he's seventh in the standings with more than \$1.2 million in progeny earnings. Some of his most notable runners include Leader of the Band, winner of last year's Monmouth Oaks-G3, and multiple stakes winner Artful Splatter.

Bandbox was bred to Dearie Be Good four times, resulting in two foals. Her daughter Be Good is a winner of \$71,148 with six placings in a dozen starts. Her Bandbox colt immediately stood out.

"He was a large foal, and he was born a chestnut," noted Charles. "As time went on, he turned gray like his sire. We called him Pinky, because he looked pink in the period where he was changing colors. He was a big foal, and turned into a nice, even-tempered horse."

Thomas had high praise for his selection. "He was the best of a very good group," he said. "When you have to pick five finalists per class, you end up leaving out a bunch of good ones every time. Everyone looked very well-raised

All in the family at Yearling Show

The family of Ellen Charles' broodmare Dearie Be Good traces back nearly 90 years to horses owned and bred by Charles' mother Adelaide Riggs, to the filly Mised, the yearling show champion's eighth dam. Purchased from owners Janon Fisher Jr. and Riggs' future husband, Augustus "Gus" Riggs IV, Mised is behind many of the best runners Riggs bred over those decades.

Mised was a stakes winner at 2 and produced five foals. Her daughter Best Blue (by Blue Larkspur) produced 1954 Maryland Futurity winner Best Contract, who in turn was the dam of 1963 Maryland Futurity winner Hussar (by Sun Bahram). But the line continued on with great success through her unraced daughter Zarrah, a 1970 filly by Augustus Riggs' stallion *Elysium II.

The richest runner out of Zarrah was Mrs. Riggs' three-time stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Bagetelle (\$245,115). Her daughter Northern Athena finished second in Bowie's Free State Stakes. And then there was Zvetlana.

The first foal out of Zarrah to race, Zvetlana won the Waya Stakes and Geisha Handicap; her six stakes-placings included the Grade 1 Delaware Handicap. When retired, the daughter of Cyane was bred to such high-profile sires Seattle Slew, Alysheba and The Minstrel. Of her nine foals, seven started and six were winners, including Dearie Be Good's second dam Cardamine (by Secretariat).

After nearly 60 years of Riggs-bred mares the string was broken with Cardamine's daughter Youwantmetodowhat, a foal of 1993 by Storm Bird.

While Riggs never showed a yearling to a blue ribbon from Mised's family, she did

find success with a black colt by Nade out of Mrs. Moon (by Quiz Master) at the 1964 show judged by Northern Dancer's trainer Horatio Luro. The colt defeated 33 others in his class and his ribbon was the first she had won at the show.

"It's always been Gus's horses who won the ribbons for us," she explained. Her husband didn't have any yearlings in the show that year, but won a class the previous year as well as the following year, with offspring of his mare Primordial. The 1965 class winner (a colt by Degage) was selected that year's grand champion by trainer Syl Veitch.

—Cindy Deubler



Adelaide Riggs accepts the Bowie trophy from Bowie executive Al Karwacki at the 1964 Yearling Show for her class-winning Nade colt.



The 2022 MHBA Yearling Show Grand Champion and Class I winner was Hillwood Stable LLC's Bandbox colt out of Dearie Be Good. For the presentation (left to right): Eveline Kjelstrup, Amy Burk, Donna Murray, Kent Murray, Bill Reightler, Eleanor Fulton, David Hayden, JoAnn Hayden and Jenna Isenock.

and prepared, but he had the best balance and substance."

Dearie Be Good joined the Hillwood Stable after being purchased as a short yearling for \$15,000 out of the 2007 Keeneland January sale. A two-time winner, she descends from a long line of broodmares owned and bred by Charles' mother, tracing back to Misled, a 1933 daughter of Diavolo.

"She's a lovely mare and has a nice temperament, which she's passed down to her offspring," said Charles. "She's produced useful horses so far who pay the bills." The mare's first four foals of racing age are winners; her 2-year-old Great Notion filly Dearly has yet to start.

Dearie Be Good has been represented in the show six times, with five coming out with ribbons.

The Bandbox colt was foaled at JoAnn and David Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm in Upperco. Charles has raised her foals at Dark Hollow for a number of years, and has developed a great relationship with the Haydens, citing them as a great help to her racing and breeding program.

Of Charles' four previous class winners, starting in 2017, three took home reserve champion prizes. And



The 2022 MHBA Yearling Show Reserve Champion and Class III winner was Katharine Voss's Force the Pass filly out of Corbeau. For the presentation (left to right): Amy Burk, Sally Eck, Bill Reightler, Katy Voss, Casey Randall and Taylor Biddinger.

six times over two years (2019 and 2020) Hillwood yearlings earned premium bonuses for having competed in the show, led by Maryland-bred champions Hello Beautiful and Laddie Liam.

The Dark Hollow Farm juggernaut enjoyed success once again. The Haydens, who came in having won 14 classes (solely or in partnership) in show history, the first in 1989, and grand champions in 2009 and 2014, added two more with winners in Class II and Class IV (for out-of-state

sired). The Class II winner, a City of Light colt, is out of the Haydens' stakes-winning Pure Prize mare Joy. All five of Joy's foals have been in the show, four having earned ribbons, although this year is the first blue. A third-generation homebred, Joy finished third in her class in 2011.

The winner of Class IV, a Liam's Map filly out of Caught Dream'n, by Blame, was bred by Dark Hollow in partnership with Dorsey Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. Davidov and Mr. and Mrs. D. Schwaber. The

gray filly is the first foal for her stakes-placed dam, who finished second in her class in 2016 behind that year's show champion.

Katy Voss, who bred or co-bred the champion six times over the last decade, sent out the reserve champion this year. The Class III winning filly is from the only Maryland-sired crop of Grade 1 winner Force the Pass, and out of the Dance With Ravens mare Corbeau, who won her class in 2008 for Voss and partner Bob Manfuso. Corbeau is a half-sister to



Class II winner was Dark Hollow Farm's City of Light colt out of Joy. David and JoAnn Hayden accept the trophy and ribbon from class sponsor Fasig-Tipton's Paget Bennett. Jenna Isennock handled the colt in the ring.



Class IV winner was Dark Hollow Farm, Dorsey Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. Davidov and Mr. and Mrs D. Schawber's Liam's Map filly out of Caught Dream'n. MHBA president Kent Murray and sponsor TheRacingBiz.com's Frank Vespe make the presentation to David and JoAnn Hayden. Jenna Isennock showed this winner as well.



Yearling Show judge Jonathan Thomas (right) accepts trophy from MHBA's Cindy Deubler, who served as judge's secretary throughout the day, and ringmaster Brian Magness.

three-time graded stakes winner International Star, earner of more than \$1.2 million, as well as stakes winners Fools in Love, D C Dancer and No More Talk.

"She looks like she'll be very fast," said Thomas. "She just had the best muscle structure, and looks like a made horse already."

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Results

Class I. For colts and geldings foaled in Maryland, the produce of mares covered in Maryland (19 exhibited)

1. gr./ro.c., Bandbox—Dearie Be Good, by Scrimshaw. Owned and bred by Hillwood Stable LLC, Washington, D.C. 2. b.c., Golden Lad—Renaissance Rosie, by Jump Start. Owned and bred by Ann B. Jackson, White Hall, Md. 3. Jasiel, b.c., Golden Lad—Congaree Princess, by Congaree. Owned and bred by Daniel Marconi, Mount Airy, Md. 4. gr./ro.c., Long River—Bedtime for Jr., by Buddha. Owned and bred by Lady Olivia at North Cliff LLC, Rixeyville, Va. 5. Laddie Dance, ch.g., Golden Lad—Enterprise Value, by Bellamy Road. Owned and bred by Leaf Stable, Upperco, Md.

Class II. For colts and geldings foaled in Maryland, the



Class I groom's award winner presented to Francisco Margus by Bill Reightler, representing sponsor EMO Insurance.



Class II groom's award winner John Foster.



Class III groom's award winner Fernando Aguilar.



Class IV groom's award winner Kim Crowell.

produce of mares covered in states other than Maryland (10 exhibited)

1. b.c., City of Light—Joy, by Pure Prize. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md. 2. Mission North, b.c., Noble Mission (GB)—Dream Exchange, by Exchange Rate. Owned and bred by Northwoods Stable, Butler, Md. 3. b.c., Air Force Blue—Saltworks, by Bullsbay. Owned and bred by Katharine M. Voss, West Friendship, Md. 4. dk.b./br.c., Speightster—Cap's Vow, by Broken Vow. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm and Joy Foster, Upperco, Md. 5. dk.b./br.c., Malibu Moon—Mystic Love, by Not For Love. Owned and bred by GreenMount Farm and Spendthrift, Upperco, Md.

Class III. For fillies foaled in Maryland, the produce of mares covered in Maryland (20 exhibited)

1. b.f., Force the Pass—Corbeau, by Dance With Ravens. Owned and bred by Katharine M. Voss, West Friendship, Md. 2. dk.b./br.f., Mosler—Fifteen Moons, by Malibu Moon. Owned and bred by Country Life Farm and Fifteen Moons LLC, Bel Air, Md. 3. dk.b./br.f., Great Notion—Misty in Malibu, by Malibu Moon. Owned and bred by Hillwood Stable LLC, Washington, D.C. 4. b.f., Divining Rod—Basedona-truestory, by Broken Vow.

Owned and bred by Country Life Farm and Basedona-truestory LLC, Bel Air, Md. 5. Peach Blossom, ch.f., Golden Lad—Southern Peach, by East of Easy. Owned and bred by Leaf Stable, Upperco, Md.

Class IV. For fillies foaled in Maryland, the produce of mares covered in states other than Maryland (10 exhibited)

1. dk.b./br.f., Liam's Map—Caught Dream'n, by Blame. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm, Dorsey Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. Davidov and Mr. and Mrs. D. Schwaber, Upperco, Md. 2. Sugar Drop, ch.f., Free Drop Billy—Sugar Shack, by Shackleford. Owned and bred by James Stevenson, Cincinnati, Ohio. 3. b.f., Hard Spun—Clever Girl, by Biondetti. Owned and bred by Walter N. Vieser II, Crownsville, Md. 4. dk.b./br.f., Unified—Plum, by Pure Prize. Owned and bred by Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md. 5. ch.f., Catholic Boy—Miss Mystique, by Teuflesberg. Owned and bred by Country Life Farm and Miss Mystique LLC, Bel Air, Md.

Champion—gr./ro.c., Bandbox—Dearie Be Good, by Scrimshaw. Owned and bred by Hillwood Stable LLC, Washington, D.C.

Reserve Champion—b.f., Force the Pass—Corbeau, by Dance With Ravens. Owned and bred

by Katharine M. Voss, West Friendship, Md.

Northview Stallion Station Challenge Trophy—BANDBOX. Presented to the Maryland stallion whose offspring earn the most points based on the following: five for first, three (second), two (third), one (fourth) and a half

(fifth). The champion earns two and the reserve one.

The following stallions earned points at this year's show: Bandbox, 7 points (two shown); Force the Pass, 6 points (one shown); Golden Lad, 6 points (seven shown); Mosler, 3 points (three show); Great Notion, 2 points (four



shown); Divining Rod, 1 point (five shown) and Long River, 1 point (three shown).

Groom's Awards: Class I, #73, Fransico Margus; Class II, #31, John Foster; Class III, #61, Fernando Aguilar; Class IV, #69, Kim Crowell;

Championship class, #26, Jenna Isenock (champion); #57, Taylor Biddinger (reserve).

Amateur judging contest: Russ Jacobson and Molly Hutchison.

Amateur judging contest winners
Russ Jacobson and Molly Hutchison.

Premium award winners from 2019 and 2020 MHBA Yearling shows

The \$40,000 MHBA Yearling Show premium is split and distributed twice among the four show contestants who earn the most money as 2- and 3-year-olds. The highest earners of 2021 received \$13,000 for first; \$4,000, second; \$2,000, third; and \$1,000, fourth.

Shown in 2019—3-year-olds in 2021

Judge: Michael Stidham

Exculpatory—\$204,262

b.c., Mineshaft—Elusory, by Broken Vow; shown in Class II by Anchor and Hope Farm Inc. and Finn's Nickel LLC.

In 2021: Won Robert Hilton Memorial S

Moquist—\$127,500

dk.b./br.f., Nyquist—Island Bound, by Speightstown; shown in Class IV by Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss.

Eddie Meeny Miny Mo—\$111,984

dk.b./br.f., Upstart—Plum, by Pure Prize; 4th in Class IV, shown by Dark Hollow Farm.

In 2021: 2nd Monmouth Oaks-G3

Unrequited Love—\$96,785

gr./ro.f., Despite the Odds—Wild for Love, by Not For Love; 3rd in Class III, shown by Bowman and Higgins Stable and Dr. Brooke Bowman.

Shown in 2020—2-year-olds in 2021

Judge: Michael Matz

Mr Jefferson—\$80,520

ch.c., Constitution—Clockstrucktwelve, by Malibu Moon; shown in Class II by R. Larry Johnson.

Preparefortakeoff—\$72,720

dk.b./br.f., Algorithms—Flip the Switch, by Discreet Cat; shown in Class IV by David W. Palmer.

Dontcrossfuzzy—\$61,961

gr./ro.g., Mosler—Laura's Valley, by Two Punch; 5th in Class I, shown by Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.

Joyrunner—\$47,500

ch.f., Gun Runner—Joy, by Pure Prize; shown in Class IV by Dark Hollow Farm.

In 2021: 3rd White Clay Creek S



MARYLAND FUND STAKES RECAPS

Justwaveandsmile



Ben's Cat Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur, turf, registered Maryland-bred or sired, 3 & up. Laurel Park, July 30.

B.g., 2017, Secret Circle—Anofficerandalady, by Officer. Bred by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnes and Colleen Torsney; owned by Steven T. Newby,

LLC; trained by Dale Capuano. Foaled at Thornmar Farm, Chestertown, Md.

	Lifetime			
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd earnings
	17	8 (1)	2	3 \$259,436
				(through July 30)

2022: 1st \$75,000 Ben's Cat S, 5½ fur, turf, registered Md.-bred or sired, 3 & up, Laurel, July 30.

Justwaveandsmile has developed an affinity for the Laurel Park turf. He won his sixth consecutive race on the surface and recorded his first stakes victory July 30 in the Ben's Cat Stakes, getting up in the final strides to win by a neck.

Making his stakes debut in his 17th start, the Dale Capuano-trained 5-year-old gelding went off as the 5-1 third choice in the seven-horse field which included last year's Maryland Million Turf Sprint winner Grateful Bred and two-time Maryland-bred champion Jaxon Traveler, the latter coming in off a win in the Maryland Sprint Stakes-G3 on the main track.

Justwaveandsmile tracked a modest pace, checked slightly turning for home and closed to pass Jaxon Traveler and Grateful Bred. Final time was 1:04.46 for 5½ furlongs over turf rated good.

Owned by Steven Newby, who purchased him for \$55,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale in 2018, Justwaveandsmile started his career on dirt, with mixed results, but has turned the corner since he began racing primarily on turf. Since taking a conditioned claimer at Laurel Oct. 1 he has rapidly ascended the class ladder.

Charles and Cynthia McGinnes and Colleen Torsney bred Justwaveandsmile,

from the first crop of Secret Circle, out of two-time turf stakes winner Anofficerandalady. A daughter of Officer, Anofficerandalady was bred and campaigned by Colleen Torsney's late father Dr. Philip Torsney, a longtime client of the McGinnesses' Thornmar Farm in Chestertown. Philip Torsney had much success with the family of Anofficerandalady, one of four stakes winners for her stakes-winning dam Foolish Kisses.

Anofficerandalady has produced seven foals of racing age; four of her six starters are winners. Her 2-year-old son Barb's Pride (by Shaman Ghost), sold for \$30,000 to Newby at last year's Midlantic yearling sale, is working steadily at Laurel but has yet to start. The mare didn't produce a foal this year after delivering a colt by Bandbox named Officeroftheband in late April 2021. She was bred to Enticed for 2023.

Spun Glass



Jameela Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 5½ fur., turf, registered Maryland-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up. Laurel Park, July 30.

Ch.m., 2017, Hard Spun—Allwewantforxmas, by Songandaprayer. Bred and owned by R. Larry Johnson; trained by Michael J. Trombetta. Foaled at Dance Forth Farm, Chestertown, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
17	5 (1)	0	3	\$201,099
(through July 30)				

2022: 1st \$75,000 **Jameela S**, 5½ fur., turf, registered Md.-bred or sired fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, July 30.

It was a big weekend for Larry Johnson's homebred mare Allwewantforxmas the last weekend of July.

Her daughter Xmas Surprise (by More Than Ready) closed to finish second in the Daisycutter Handicap at Del Mar in her stakes debut Friday, July 29. Less than 24 hours later Xmas Surprise's year-old half-sister Spun Glass made a well-timed move and won the Jameela Stakes at Laurel Park, recording her first stakes victory.

Spun Glass missed the board in her first two stakes

starts this year, but in between, the 5-year-old daughter of Hard Spun won a third-level turf allowance at Laurel. On the strength of that 5½-furlong win, she went off the 2-1 second choice in the nine-horse Jameela field under the same conditions.

Breaking alertly, Spun Glass was taken off the early pace, drafting in fifth as they whistled through the opening quarter mile in :22.48. Early leaders Golden Can and Can the Queen began to tire as they approached the eighth pole, and a host of challengers swarmed in. Spun Glass managed to outkick all her rivals late and crossed the wire a half-length in front of last year's Jameela winner, Ellanation. The final time for the distance was 1:04.19, .27 seconds quicker than the boys in the Ben's Cat two races later.

Mike Trombetta trains the R. Larry Johnson homebred a five-time winner in 17 starts, with earnings of \$201,099.

Allwewantforxmas earned \$211,794 in her career and was twice stakes-placed in turf sprints. Xmas Surprise is the only foal sold out of the mare, bringing \$160,000 at the OBS March 2-year-old sale in 2020. Twice an allowance winner at Santa Anita, she has now earned \$120,300 in 10 starts, all on the grass.

Allwewantforxmas produced a full-brother to Spun Glass in 2021 and after missing to the cover of Gun Runner in 2022 was bred back to Caravaggio for 2023.

Divine Huntress



Miss Disco Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired 3-year-old fillies. Laurel Park, July 30.

B.f., 2019, Divining Rod—Thrill Seeker, by Housebuster. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Ricky L. Buckley and Joshua Dreiband; owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Long Valley Stables LLC; trained by H. Graham Motion. Foaled at Dance Forth at Roland, Warwick, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
8	3 (1)	1 (1)	1	\$230,490
(through July 30)				

2022: 1st \$75,000 **Miss Disco S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, July 30; 2nd **Acorn S-GI**.

MHBA officers named for 2022-23

The Maryland Horse Breeders' Association's board of directors appointed a new president, Kent Allen Murray, at its meeting July 18. The MHBA secretary-treasurer from 2018-20, Murray returned to the board following a mandatory year off after serving six consecutive years. Murray

takes over from Richard F. Blue Jr., who was ineligible to stand for reelection this year because of his six-year term limit.

Returning in their board positions are Christine W. Holden, vice president; and Michael Horning, secretary/treasurer.

It may not have been as easy as most bettors expected, but odds-on favorite Divine Huntress got the job done in the \$75,000 Miss Disco Stakes for 3-year-old fillies at Laurel Park July 30.

The bay daughter of Divining Rod made waves over the winter with two impressive victories at Parx Racing, including a first-level allowance by 12¼ lengths. Sent out in graded stakes her next four starts, she was well-beaten at the Fair Grounds in February; finished fifth at Aqueduct in the Grade 3 Gazelle and fourth in Pimlico's George E. Mitchell Black-Eyed Susan Stakes-G2, beaten approximately 5 lengths in each; then proved tough when second in the Acorn Stakes-G1 at Belmont Park, while no match for the winner, Matareya.

Making her first start at Laurel since her 2-year-old debut last November where she was third, Divine Huntress cut back to 7 furlongs and dropped to restricted stakes company. She took lots of money throughout the wagering and went off at 3-5.

Breaking from the outside post position in the five-horse field, Victor Carrasco rated Divine Huntress early. As they passed the eighth pole, the filly struck the front, but had to fight off 16-1 longshot Sweet Gracie to the inside, and Petition Prayer quickly gaining in the center of the track. Divine Huntress dug in gamely and

held on to win by a nose. The final time was 1:24.23.

Divine Huntress has now won three times from eight starts, with career earnings of \$230,490. She's owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Long Valley Stables LLC, and was bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Rick L. Buckley and Joshua Dreiband. Buckley trained the filly for himself, Dreiband and four minority partners under the Long Valley Stables banner until they sold a majority interest to Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners after her maiden-breaking win on Dec. 13.

Divine Huntress is the fifth foal out of Thrill Seeker, a Housebuster mare Bowman and Buckley purchased at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December sale in foal to Lookin At Lucky for \$20,000.

Alottahope



Star de Naskra Stakes

\$75,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired 3-year-olds. Laurel Park, July 30.

B.g., 2019, Editorial—Alottalute, by Midnight Lute. Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman; owned by No Guts No Glory Farm; trained by John J. Robb. Foaled at Dance Forth at Roland, Warwick, Md.

Lifetime				
starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
9	4 (1)	1 (1)	0	\$179,860
(through July 30)				

2021: 2nd **Maryland Juvenile Championship S**, 2022: 1st \$75,000 **Star de Naskra S**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 3-year-olds, Laurel, July 30.

In the first eight starts of his career, Alottahope had shown plenty of promise, but had yet to win a stakes race. That changed in the Star de Naskra Stakes July 30, which he won by 15 lengths.

Alottahope's most recent win prior to the Star de Naskra came May 7 in a Maryland-bred/Maryland-sired allowance race against older runners. It was his first start in more than three months and he followed with a graded stakes attempt in the Chick Lang Stakes-G3 at Pimlico and finished fourth. Off the board in his next two starts,

Alottahope looked to put it all together in the Star de Naskra, which drew a field of five. With Jevian Toledo up, he was the 8-5 second favorite, while undefeated Super Love was the 4-5 public choice.

Alottahope rated off the flank of his stablemate, Al Loves Josie and kept the favorite hemmed in as they went through honest fractions of :22.70 and :45.53. Passing the half-mile point Al Loves Josie began to fade and Alottahope took over. He drew off down the stretch and stopped the clock in 1:22.91, more than a second faster than Divine

Huntress ran the same distance earlier in the day in the Miss Disco Stakes.

Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman out of the Midnight Lute mare Alottalute, Alottahope is the second stakes winner from as many starters for the mare. The flashy bay gelding is owned by No Guts No Glory Farm, the nom de course of Gina and Jerry Robb—the latter also his trainer—and is a stablemate and half-brother to two-time Maryland-bred champion Street Lute (by Street Magician), a winner

of eight stakes with earnings of \$617,520. Street Lute's full sister, Mama's Eyes, is an unraced 2-year-old currently in training at Delaware Park. Alottalute produced a colt by Game Winner in March and was bred back to Uncle Mo's champion son Nyquist.

Alottahope, who has four wins and a second (in last year's Maryland Juvenile Championship) in nine starts for earnings of \$179,860, is the first stakes winner from the first crop of former Maryland sire Editorial.



MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
May 1 to May 31, 2022

Breeder bonuses

Includes the additional 10 percent Maryland-sired bonus for winners of maiden races, initiated Jan. 1 during the 2022 Laurel winter meet. That bonus is reflected in the second figure earned for the race.

Anchor and Hope Farm Inc.—Boss Man J J: May 13, 8th race, \$5,760; May 29, 6th race, \$1,980. Ink: May 1, 7th race, \$2,640. Winked: May 29, 1st race, \$1,890. (\$12,270)

Robert S. Atkinson—Ashara: May 1, 5th race, \$1,287.

Sharon Banford—Ripken: May 1, 8th race, \$2,574; May 28, 6th race, \$1,170 (\$3,744).

John and Cheryl Banner—I'm Blushing: May 12, 7th race, \$7,200.

Barak Farm—Royal Whisper: May 13, 6th race, \$8,280. Some Is Nine: May 15, 2nd race, \$3,780/\$1,260; May 26, 4th race, \$630. Stroll Smokin: May 8, 4th race, \$6,831. Vodkatini: May 26, 1st race, \$2,340. (\$23,121)

Barak Farm and Dinos Thoroughbreds LLC—Trash Talkin Larry: May 1, 8th race, \$1,287.

Estate of Earl Barnhart—Love You Much: May 20, 5th race, \$1,860.

BB Horses—Ladro Di Fichi: May 13, 6th race, \$1,380.

Patricia Beck and Richard C. Beck—Daily Planet: May 30, 8th race, \$5,670/\$1,890. (\$7,560)

Best A Luck Farm LLC—Run Reagan Ran: May 20, 2nd race, \$8,460/\$2,820. (\$11,280)

Black Fox Farm—Auspicious Lad: May 28, 1st race, \$1,260.

Charles Blanford—Uncle Irish: May 20, 4th race, \$10,440.

Richard F. Blue Jr.—Imagine It All: May 19, 2nd race, \$1,890. Prince Pere: May 20, 1st race, \$1,740. Seville Row: May 29, 3rd race, \$780. (\$4,410)

Bonita Farm—Sommer Velvet: May 14, 1st race, \$5,760.

Bonita Farm and Partners—Evangeline Allons: May 1, 2nd race, \$1,056.

William T. Bourne—Silver's Girl: May 6, 7th race, \$1,039.50.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—He Rolls: May 29, 4th race, \$1,500. Proper Attire: May 19, 6th race, \$3,120. (\$4,620)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Michael Bishop—Image Maker: May 19, 8th race, \$5,940. Mosalah: May 5, 2nd race, \$1,089. (\$7,029)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman—Alottahope: May 7, 9th race, \$7,920. Foxtrot Seville: May 30, 8th race, \$945. (\$8,865)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Brooke Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—By the Sey Shore: May 29, 7th race, \$5,940.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—Great Go Go: May 6, 1st race, \$792.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Milton P. Higgins III—Carvellian Quest: May 14, 3rd race, \$1,380.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Shawn M. Howser—Bourbon Wildcat: May 27, 1st race, \$990.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—Up Against It: May 13, 4th race, \$1,035.

Bowman and Higgins Stable—Congress Hall: May 30, 5th race, \$630.

Bowman and Higgins Stable and Dr. Brooke Bowman—Unrequited Love: May 1, 4th race, \$2,277.

Phyllis M. Browne—Flirtatious Lass: May 8, 6th race, \$2,178; May 28, 2nd race, \$5,940. (\$8,118)

William Andrew Campbell—Bad Temper: May 28, 8th race, \$3,780/\$1,260. Seven On the Rocks: May 7, 9th race, \$2,640. (\$7,680)

Melissa Cantacuzene—Charming Way: May 19, 7th race, \$1,440.

Dennis A. Cardoza—Captain Cardo: May 8, 1st race, \$1,650; May 29, 2nd race, \$1,500. (\$3,150)

Louis C. Carrico—Divine Proportion: May 6, 4th race, \$1,122; May 27, 5th race, \$3,060. (\$4,182)

Estate of Sherman Chin—Saint Eros Girl: May 20, 2nd race, \$2,820.

Christine Clagett and Leslie Elizabeth Wilson—My Super Sally: May 26, 4th race, \$3,780.

Classic Thoroughbred XXIX—Juror Number Four: May 6, 8th race, \$1,716.

Clover Hill Racing LLC—Make It a Double: May 19, 1st race, \$510.

Susan S. Cooney—Meliponini Bee: May 5, 5th race, \$1,287; May 26, 1st race, \$1,170. (\$2,457)

Country Life Farm—Response Time: May 6, 6th race, \$1,716.

Country Life Farm and Atlantic Tide LLC—Came-lia Rod: May 14, 7th race, \$960.

Country Life Farm and Fifteen Moons LLC—Moonsafe: May 8, 5th race, \$1,320.

Country Life Farm and Grecian Maiden LLC—Ghost Maiden: May 8, 3rd race, \$2,178.

Country Life Farm and Imagistic Broodmare II LLC—Sweet Talia: May 5, 1st race, \$1,848; May 27, 4th race, \$1,500. (\$3,348)

Country Life Farm and Missy Rules LLC—Wonder Water: May 15, 5th race, \$1,890; May 28, 3rd race, \$2,340. (\$4,230)

Country Life Farm and Moon Map Broodmare LLC—Threethedardway: May 14, 4th race, \$1,260.

Country Life Farm and Winding Creek Farm—Luv Ya Bye Bye: May 26, 8th race, \$1,170.

Country Roads Ltd.—Utterly Courageous: May 20, 2nd race, \$1,410. Utterly Enchanting: May 7, 1st race, \$4,356. (\$5,766)

Randy L. Cohen and Alyse L. Cohen—Except Temptation: May 12, 7th race, \$2,400.

CRK Stable LLC—Excellerator: May 1, 7th race, \$7,920.

Mary K. Curran and Housatonic Bloodstock LLC—Greylover: May 7, 10th race, \$1,122.

Dark Hollow Farm—Betcha by Golly: May 8, 3rd race, \$6,534. Circle Home: May 1, 5th race,

\$2,574; May 27, 3rd race, \$1,380. Toy: May 19, 8th race, \$1,980. (\$12,468)

Dark Hollow Farm, D. Brown, Davidov and Schwaber—Dr Rags: May 12, 6th race, \$1,260.

John C. Davison—Inside Stunt: May 6, 5th race, \$1,650. Super Love: May 5, 7th race, \$9,504. (\$11,154)

Deer Creek Racing—Mo Fire: May 14, 9th race, \$1,440.

Lisa S. Delp and Rodney Jenkins—Blue Moon Bunny: May 29, 8th race, \$945.

Tori M. deVries and Broad Creek Bloodstock LLC—Divine Victory: May 28, 8th race, \$630.

Hassan Elamri—Golden Can: May 26, 6th race, \$7,200.

The Etched Racing Partnership—Acadian Girl: May 5, 8th race, \$4,950.

Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—Lookin Spunky: May 26, 5th race, \$1,500. Rockinhippiechick: May 14, 1st race, \$1,920. (\$3,420)

Charles D. and Dianne E. Fawley—Nicky Bear: May 13, 7th race, \$1,200.

Steve R. Ferguson—Rapid Response: May 5, 6th race, \$4,356.

Finn's Nickel LLC and Copper Penny Stables—Bourbon On the Bay: May 19, 5th race, \$1,890.

Fitzhugh LLC—California Bella: May 12, 3rd race, \$2,340.

Robert J. Gerczak—Antipoinson: May 15, 8th race, \$510.

Glenangus Farm LLC—Colorofacloud: May 15, 2nd race, \$1,260; May 28, 8th race, \$1,260.

Riccio: May 1, 3rd race, \$3,036. (\$5,556)

Sheryl Grant—Heaven's Got Fire: May 20, 14th race, \$1,650.

Keith A. Harpster—Magical Luna: May 26, 6th race, \$2,400.

Harry Kassap LLC—Quiet Imagination: May 12, 7th race, \$1,200.

Nancy B. Heil—Karan's Notion: May 28, 7th race, \$3,360.

Highclere and Five Hellions Farm—Free Square: May 26, 7th race, \$2,880.

Hillwood Stable LLC—Call Me Plucky: May 13, 7th race, \$7,200. Reassured: May 7, 5th race, \$1,089. Twist'n Twirl: May 1, 8th race, \$7,722. (\$16,011)

Holly House Farm—Surprise Hello: May 28, 4th race, \$2,340.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palumbo—Vinny: May 8, 1st race, \$4,950.

Kyle Horlacher—Crabs N Beer: May 21, 10th race, \$3,400.

Jagger Inc.—Berks: May 19, 5th race, \$5,670. Heartness: May 19, 8th race, \$990. (\$6,660)

Gayle Marshall Johnson—Moon Biz: May 26, 4th race, \$1,260.

R. Larry Johnson—Baffle 'Em: May 29, 8th race, \$5,670. Day the Music Died: May 15, 6th race,

Maryland-bred top earners in 2022

(through August 2)

1. Knicks Go\$585,000	11. Eastern Bay\$144,172
2. Luna Belle 255,000	12. Proper Attire 135,678
3. Field Pass.....229,553	13. Jaxon Traveler 133,100
4. Divine Huntress 200,000	14. Kiss the Girl 132,000
5. Aloha West 196,222	15. Going to the Lead...129,426
6. Cordmaker 195,000	16. Alottahope 128,120
7. Joe.....194,744	17. Commanding General126,985
8. Mama G's Wish 174,765	18. Plot the Dots 126,334
9. Fille d'Esprit 172,400	19. Mattitude 115,760
10. Whereshetoldmetogo147,504	20. Free Square 113,988

\$1,680. Fashionista: May 29, 1st race, \$945. Here Wego: May 30, 1st race, \$1,020. Mr. Jefferson: May 21, 11th race, \$3,000. Oldies But Goodies: May 30, 4th race, \$6,210. Wheniget-toheaven: May 5, 9th race, \$9,108/\$3,036. Zip Line to Heaven: May 13, 1st race, \$5,760. (\$36,429)

Carol A. Kaye—Can the Queen: May 20, 11th race, \$18,000.

Joanne P. Krishack—Commanding General: May 27, 6th race, \$7,200.

Lady Olivia at North Cliff LLC—Mailman's a Flyer: May 28, 4th race, \$1,170.

Carl Lanier—He's Orientate: May 6, 3rd race, \$6,534. Notion of Curly: May 6, 7th race, \$6,237/\$2,079. (\$14,850)

Andrea G. Lematta—Ice Rain: May 7, 10th race, \$3,366.

Kenneth F. Lowe Jr.—Special Freedom: May 7, 3rd race, \$825.

Marathon Farm Inc.—Abuelo Paps: May 21, 1st race, \$1,740.

William Meister and Julie Arbogast—Zen Pi: May 27, 6th race, \$1,200.

Angie G. Moore—Cosmicity: May 13, 7th race, \$2,400.

Kevin P. Morgan—Fancy Princess: May 14, 7th race, \$5,760.

Nancy Lee Farms—Eastern Bay: May 28, 7th race, \$10,080. Polish Cookie: May 6, 7th race, \$2,079; May 29, 8th race, \$1,890. (\$14,049)

No Guts No Glory Farm—Bandits Warrior: May 1, 9th race, \$1,584. Cocktail Dreaming: May 30, 3rd race, \$1,380. Fuhgeddaboutit: May 1, 9th race, \$3,168; May 27, 7th race, \$1,440. Mama G's Wish: May 1, 6th race, \$2,640. (\$10,212)

Clarke Ohrstrom—Jardani: May 28, 6th race, \$7,020/\$2,340. (\$9,360)

Douglas Oswald—Monyinthebanksey: May 15, 8th race, \$3,060.

David W. Palmer—Laramore: May 30, 3rd race, \$8,280.

Charles V. Parker—Forth: May 13, 8th race, \$1,920. Mose Perfect: May 26, 7th race, \$1,440. (\$3,360)

A. Leonard Pineau—Crossland: May 28, 6th race, \$2,340. No More Mask: May 14, 9th race, \$720. (\$3,060)

Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—Jaxon Traveler: May 21, 4th race, \$18,000. R B's Star: May 20, 6th race, \$1,740. (\$19,740)

Avla R. Pitts—Zola B: May 1, 5th race, \$7,722.

Eric A. Rizer and Nancy M. Rizer—Subject to Change: May 19, 3rd race, \$1,260.

Thomas Rooney—Coffeewithchris: May 12, 1st race, \$7,020.

Timothy J. Rooney—B Determined: May 20, 7th race, \$1,860.

John Ryan and Monica Ryan—Pascal Chant: May 6, 1st race, \$1,584.

John Salzman Jr., Grady Griffin and Bird Mobberley—No Money Down: May 7, 6th race, \$924

Shamrock Farm—Albertano: May 27, 8th race, \$660. Ran Char: May 8, 2nd race, \$1,584. (\$2,244)

M. Terry Shane—Margie's Heaven: May 14, 8th race, \$1,680.

Smith Farm and Stable—Scorched by Fire: May 6, 4th race, \$561.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton A. Smith—Stone Courageous: May 1, 7th race, \$1,320.

South Branch Equine LLC—Robert's Luxury: May 30, 6th race, \$990.

Spendthrift Farm LLC—Breviary: May 5, 8th race, \$1,650.

James B. Steele Jr.—Hampden Lane: May 5, 7th race, \$1,584.

John D. Stuart—Friar Tuck: May 29, 6th race, \$5,940.

Linda Lee Sutton and Laura S. Roadcap—Glastonbury: May 19, 2nd race, \$945.

Sweet Spirits Stables LLC—Fille d'Esprit: May 21, 7th race, \$6,000. Sweet Asta: May 13, 5th race, \$630. (\$6,630)

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—Frightland: May 26, 8th race, \$2,340. Howard's Rock: May 6, 5th race, \$4,950/\$1,650. I'm Not Slow: May 7, 10th race, \$561; May 27, 2nd race, \$510.

Little Bit of That: May 8, 5th race, \$7,920; May 27, 7th race, \$2,880. Paisley Singing: May 14, 8th race, \$3,360. Smart Eulee: May 30, 2nd race, \$1,890. Sweet Gracie: May 1, 6th race, \$7,920; May 27, 7th race, \$8,640. Wet My Beak: May 12, 3rd race, \$7,020. Whiteknuckley: May 26, 6th race, \$1,200. (\$50,841)

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC and Ellen Charles—Hardspun Reason: May 28, 3rd race, \$7,020.

Thomas L. Teal—Rad Paisley: May 6, 3rd race, \$1,089.

The Elkstone Group LLC—Doomscroller: May 26, 5th race, \$750. Hitch a Ride: May 8, 5th race, \$2,640. Joe: May 21, 10th race, \$18,000.

Johnny Swish: May 6, 5th race, \$825. Plot the Dots: May 8, 7th race, \$1,848. Prince of Portland: May 7, 5th race, \$2,178. Rationalmillennial: May 7, 2nd race, \$825. (\$27,066)

Thornmar Farm LLC—Please Mary Me: May 7, 2nd race, \$1,650. Royal Thunder: May 7, 9th race, \$1,320. Startwithabang: May 19, 4th race, \$960. The Wolfman: May 7, 4th race, \$825; May 28, 5th race, \$1,500. (\$6,255)

Two Legends Farm—Benandjoe: May 21, 2nd race, \$11,160.

Walter N. Vieser II—All Threes: May 27, 6th race, \$2,400. Flimsy: May 5, 5th race, \$2,574. (\$4,974)

David H. Wade—Rominski: May 5, 7th race, \$3,168.

Susan Wantz—Mosler Safe: May 19, 2nd race, \$5,670/\$1,890. Sky of Gold: May 26, 8th race, \$7,020. (\$14,580)

Mr. and Mrs. Bayne Welker Jr.—Deshackled: May 13, 5th race, \$1,260.

Eric J. Wirth—Icy Harbor: May 1, 1st race, \$693.

Mrs. Frank P. Wright—Power Back: May 12, 4th race, \$960.

Helena Wright—El Bochinche: May 14, 5th race, \$1,560. Sick Pack Sara: May 30, 5th race, \$1,260. (\$2,820)

WWCD LLC—Mattitude: May 6, 6th race, \$10,296.

Stallion bonuses

BALTIMORE BOB (Icy Harbor: May 1, 1st race, \$231. No Money Down: May 7, 6th race, \$308): Robert Gerczak—\$539.

BANDBOX (Blue Moon Bunny: May 29, 8th race, \$315. Reassured: May 7, 5th race, \$363. Sweet Gracie: May 1, 6th race, \$2,640; May 27, 7th race, \$2,880. The Wolfman: May 7, 4th race, \$275; May 28, 5th race, \$500): Bandbox Syndicate—\$6,973.

BARBADOS (Albertano: May 27, 8th race, \$220. Hampden Lane: May 5, 7th race, \$528): Shamrock Farm—\$748.

BLOFELD (Charming Way: May 19, 7th race, \$480. Crabs N Beer: May 21, 10th race, \$1,000. Vinny: May 8, 1st race, \$1,650): Blofeld Syndicate—\$3,130.

BOURBON COURAGE (Bourbon On the Bay: May 19, 5th race, \$630. Bourbon Wildcat: May 27, 1st race, \$330. Cocktail Dreaming: May 30, 3rd race, \$460. Ink: May 1, 7th race, \$880. Make It a Double: May 19, 1st race, \$170. Stone Courageous: May 1, 7th race, \$440. Utterly Courageous: May 20, 2nd race, \$470): Bourbon Courage Syndicate—\$3,380.

BUFFUM (Commanding General: May 27, 6th race, \$2,400. Fancy Princess: May 14, 7th race, \$1,920. My Super Sally: May 26, 4th race, \$1,260): Buffum Syndicate—\$5,580.

CAL NATION (Threethardway: May 14, 4th race, \$420): Cal Nation Syndicate.

DESPITE THE ODDS (Here Wego: May 30, 1st race, \$340. Unrequited Love: May 1, 4th race, \$759. Up Against It: May 13, 4th race, \$345. Utterly Enchanting: May 7, 1st race, \$1,452): R. Larry Johnson—\$2,896.

DIVINING ROD (Camelia Rod: May 14, 7th race, \$320. Glastonbury: May 19, 2nd race, \$315. Sweet Talia: May 5, 1st race, \$616; May 27, 4th race, \$500. Vodka: May 26, 1st race, \$780. Wonder Water: May 15, 5th race, \$630; May 28, 3rd race, \$780): Divining Rod Syndicate—\$3,991.

DORTMUND (Evangeline Allons: May 1, 2nd race, \$352. Sommer Velvet: May 14, 1st race, \$1,920): Kaleem S. Shah—\$2,272.

EDITORIAL (Alottahope: May 7, 9th race, \$2,640. Daily Planet: May 30, 8th race, \$1,890): Climax Stallions LLC—\$4,530.

ETCHED (Pascal Chant: May 6, 1st race, \$528): Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership.

FREEDOM CHILD (Free Square: May 26, 7th race, \$960. Special Freedom: May 7, 3rd race, \$275): Freedom Child Syndicate—\$1,235.

FRIESAN FIRE (Mo Fire: May 14, 9th race, \$480. Ripken: May 1, 8th race, \$858; May 28, 6th race, \$390. Scorched by Fire: May 6, 4th race, \$187): Friesan Fire Syndicate—\$1,915.

GOLDEN LAD (Auspicious Lad: May 28, 1st race, \$420. Flirtatious Lass: May 8, 6th race, \$726. May 28, 2nd race, \$1,980. Golden Can: May 26, 6th race, \$2,400. Howard's Rock: May 6, 5th race, \$1,650. Margie's Heaven: May 14, 8th race, \$560. Paisley Singing: May 14, 8th race, \$1,120. Run Raegan Run: May 20, 2nd race, \$2,820. Sick Pack Sara: May 30, 5th race, \$420. Silver's Girl: May 6, 7th race, \$346.50): Golden Lad Syndicate—\$12,442.50.

GREAT NOTION (All Threes: May 27, 6th race, \$800. El Bochinche: May 14, 5th race, \$520.

Fille d'Esprit: May 21, 7th race, \$2,000. Fuhgeddaboutit: May 1, 9th race, \$1,056; May 27, 7th race, \$480. Great Go Go: May 6, 1st race, \$264. Heartness: May 19, 8th race, \$330. Karan's Notion: May 28, 7th race, \$1,120. Little Bit of That: May 8, 5th race, \$2,640; May 27, 7th race, \$960. Mattitude: May 6, 6th race, \$3,432. Melponini Bee: May 5, 5th race, \$429; May 26, 1st race, \$390. Notion of Curly: May 6, 7th race, \$2,079. Rapid Response: May 5, 6th race, \$1,452. Rominski: May 5, 7th race, \$1,056. Smart Eulee: May 30, 2nd race, \$630. Zen Pi: May 27, 6th race, \$400): Great Notion Syndicate—\$20,038.

HEAVEN'S GLORY (JPN) (Heaven's Got Fire: May 20, 14th race, \$550): The Stallion Company.

HOLY BOSS (Boss Man J J: May 13, 8th race, \$1,920; May 29, 6th race, \$660. Crossland: May 28, 6th race, \$780. Jardani: May 28, 6th race, \$2,340): Holy Boss Syndicate—\$5,700.

IMAGINING (Greylover: May 7, 10th race, \$374. Image Maker: May 19, 8th race, \$1,980. Imagine It All: May 19, 2nd race, \$630. Proper Attire: May 19, 6th race, \$1,040. Quiet Imagination: May 12, 7th race, \$400. Winked: May 29, 1st race, \$630): Imagining Syndicate—\$5,054.

KENDALLS BEAR (Nicky Bear: May 13, 7th race, \$400): Dianne Fawley.

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MADEFROMLUCKY (Lookin Spunky: May 26, 5th race, \$500): Madefromlucky Syndicate.

MOSLER (Bandits Warrior: May 1, 9th race, \$528. Ghost Maiden: May 8, 3rd race, \$726. I'm Blushing: May 12, 7th race, \$2,400. Luv Ya Bye Bye: May 26, 8th race, \$390. Moonsafe: May 8, 5th race, \$440. Mose Perfect: May 26, 7th race, \$480. Mosler Safe: May 19, 2nd race, \$1,890. Response Time: May 6, 6th race, \$572): Mosler Syndicate—\$7,426.

NICANOR (Ran Char: May 8, 2nd race, \$528. Sweet Asta: May 13, 5th race, \$210): Nicanor Syndicate—\$738.

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STREET MAGICIAN (By the Sey Shore: May 29, 7th race, \$1,980. Fashionista: May 29, 1st race, \$315. Magical Luna: May 26, 6th race, \$800. Whenigettoheaven: May 5, 9th race, \$3,036): R. Larry Johnson—\$6,131.

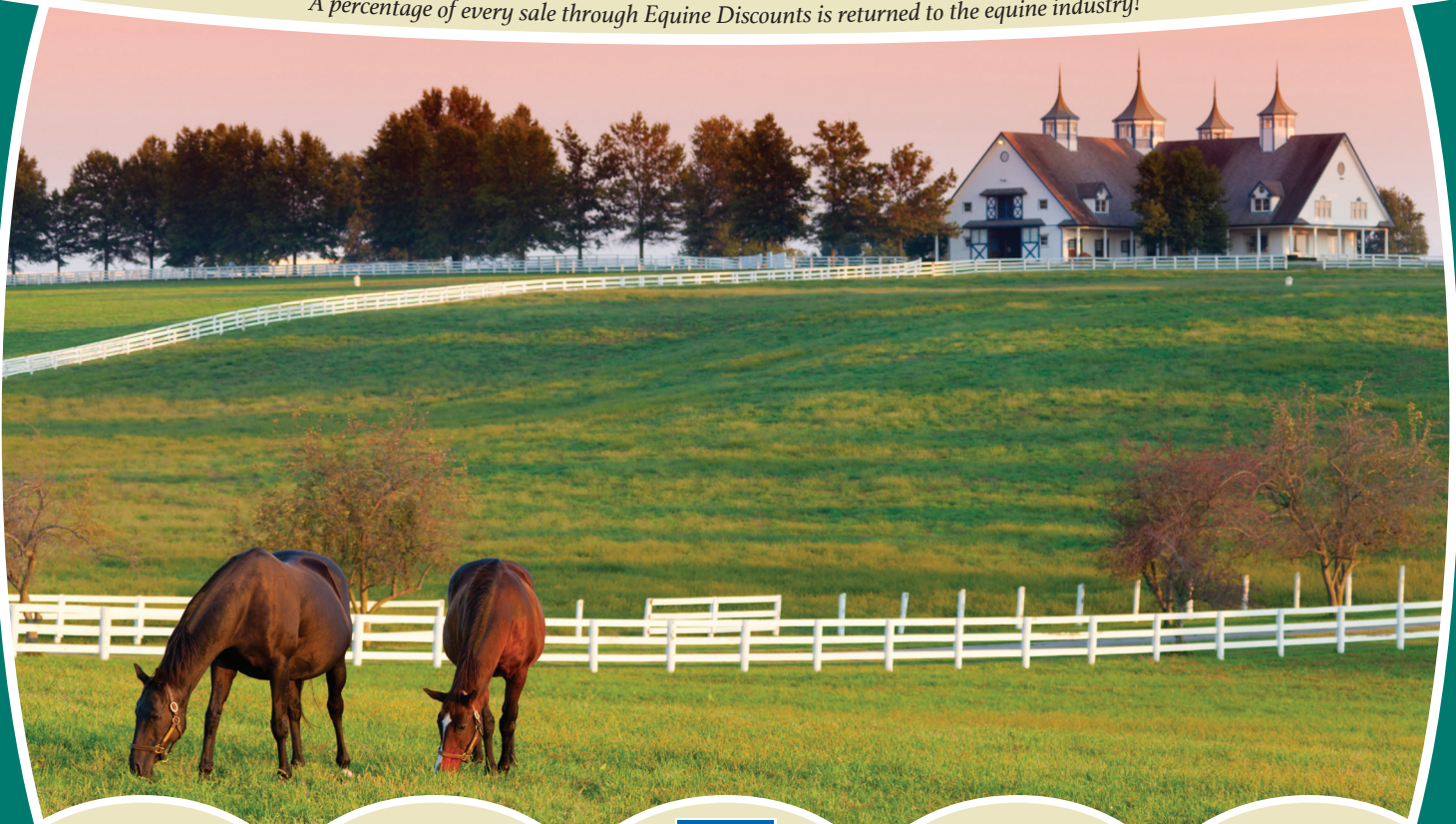
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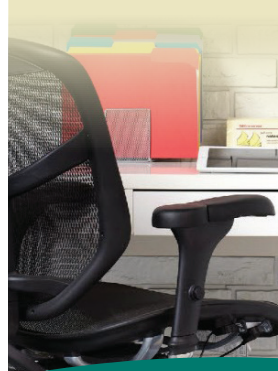
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Off to a sizzling start, Sea Wizard has another winner

by Bill Finley

The sample size may be small, but the results speak for themselves. Sea Wizard, who stands at Colonial Farm in Colts Neck, is off to a fast start and could have a bright future as a stallion.

Sea Wizard is the sire of Great Navigator, the Holly Crest Farm owned and bred juvenile who defeated open company in his debut, a June 4 maiden at Monmouth. He appeared next in Saratoga, where he finished second in the Grade 3 Sanford Stakes.

On July 22, Sea Wizard picked up his second win as a stallion as his daughter Sea Maiden, a Colonial Farm homebred, romped in a Jersey-bred maiden special weight, winning the 5½-furlong race by 5 lengths. Great Navigator and Sea Maiden are among only seven registered New Jersey-breds that make up Sea Wizard's first crop.

Sea Wizard has had three other starters, including the filly Carats Forever, who has run twice, finishing third both times.

"I think he is going to be a fantastic stallion," said Sam Fieramosca, the long-time owner of Colonial who now manages the farm for current owner Carmine Spinella. "He is by Uncle Mo and so many of his sons have produced graded stakes winners. [Sea Wizard] has a helluva chance of being a good stallion."

Sea Wizard's racing career was one of unfulfilled potential. Trained by John Mazza



Graded stakes-placed Great Navigator is a member of Sea Wizard's first crop.

and \$190,000 purchase as a 2-year-old, he debuted on Oct. 1, 2015, at Belmont and finished second in a maiden special weight. The winner was Destin, who would go on to win three graded stakes races, including the 2016 Grade 2 Tampa Bay Derby. Sea Wizard returned on March 27, 2016, at Gulfstream, where he won a maiden special weight by 3 lengths as the 2-5 favorite. It would be his last career start.

"[Sea Wizard] was a very fast horse," Fieramosca said. "He was favored in his first maiden race and ran second, but was beaten by a horse who became a graded stakes winner."



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They ran him back five months later and he broke his maiden and was one-tenth of a second off the track record. He was having trouble in Florida. He used to run off quite a bit. John [Mazza] was talking to Todd Pletcher about the horse. Todd told him, 'Send him to our farm, I have the right man for the job. He will stop the running off.' John sent the horse to Pletcher's farm. The first time someone there got up on him he ran off and he hurt himself. That was the end of his racing career."

It was Mazza, who passed away in 2020, who convinced Fieramosca to take a chance on Sea Wizard.

"John told me, 'Sam, this is the fastest horse I have ever trained. He is unbelievable and you have to take him as a stallion.' I thought about it and thought about it," Fieramosca said. "In the meantime, Uncle Mo became so hot as a stallion. He is an Uncle Mo out of a stakes-winning mare [Sea Road]. He had all the ingredients. I decided to take him."

At first, getting breeders to take a chance on Sea Wizard, who stood for \$1,500, was not an easy sell.

"It's tough in Jersey," Fieramosca said. "You have to work to get them mares. He had credentials that I liked, but I had to convince other people."

Fieramosca's task became easier when Sea Maiden won, which served notice that Great Navigator's success was not some sort of outlier.

"Before the race, we worried she would be a little short and would need the race," said Sea Maiden's trainer, Rory Huston. "We had only breezed her one time from the gate. She was working with Island Spirit and she was putting him away whenever they breezed together. We thought she would be a nice horse and she won very easily."

Sea Wizard's next two crops are a little bigger. His 2021 crop consists of 12 registered foals and there are 11 registered foals in his 2022 crop. The key will be how does he do going forward,

now that his first few runners have hit the racetrack and showed some ability.

"I would think so," Fieramosca said when asked if he thought the stallion was about to take off. "I'm not sure yet about his stud fee. It's a little early. Some of it will depend on how Great Navigator does. It sure looks like he has a lot of ability."

"He only bred a few mares that year and so far, he's done quite well," Huston said. "Hopefully, it will continue. I think Sam has put a lot of time into this and always does the right thing. It would be nice for him to have a good stallion."

Will Great Navigator go on to win a graded stakes race? How good is Sea Maiden? And what can we expect from the handful of Sea Wizard's who have yet to start? Those are all questions that will shed a glimpse into what Sea Wizard can do as a stallion. But this much is certain: with this sire, the potential is there, maybe even for something special.

New Jersey Horseperson of the Year

The 2021 Governor's Award for Horseperson of the Year was presented to Dr. Carey Williams, who has served Rutgers University as the Equine Extension Specialist since 2003.

Williams accepted the award June 1 at the 65th Annual New Jersey Breeders Awards Celebration at the Horse Park of New Jersey.

Dr. Williams' work has focused in the areas of equine nutrition and exercise physiology. She is a leader in the field of antioxidant supplementation and oxidative stress in horses, and her antioxidant work has been recognized nationally and internationally in the nutrition and veterinary fields.

"Dr. Williams has dedicated her career to advancing the New Jersey equine industry," New Jersey

Department of Agriculture Secretary Douglas Fisher said. "She is very deserving of this honor for the knowledge, enthusiasm, and care she has provided during her years of service."

More recently, Dr. Williams has expanded her research into the area of forages, pastures, and helping horse farm owners create an environmentally impactful farm. She was the team leader for the multidisciplinary project that created a state-of-the-art equine Best Management Practice (BMP) showcase farm at Rutgers University.

At the Equine Science Center's Ryders Lane facility, the "Ryders Lane Environmental Best Management Practices Demonstration Horse Farm" has become the host site for many research studies and outreach programs.

Dr. Williams' expertise in equine nutrition has resulted in her being a sought-after equine nutrition speaker, becoming a leader in disseminating research-based equine nutrition information to youth, horse owners, and industry professionals focused on equine nutrition, pasture management, and horse management.

Her extension programs have focused on three main areas: improving equine nutrition, pasture management, and horse husbandry. "Dr. William's extension work with programs such as the 'Horse Management Seminar' and the equine section of the 'New Jersey Junior Breeder Livestock Symposium' have allowed equine enthusiasts of all levels to learn about cutting edge equine research," said Dr. Karyn Malinowski, Director of the Equine Science Center.



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Kelly Breen-trained He'spuregold wins Irish War Cry Handicap for second straight year



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One race after making his seasonal debut against open company a winning one, He'spuregold followed that up with an impressive 2½-length victory in the \$85,000 Irish War Cry Handicap at Monmouth Park – the second straight year the gelded son of Vancouver has won the race for Jersey-breds.

"We'll put our heads together and figure out what's next," said Breen. "Watching him today, watching him warm up and watching him in the paddock, he was so mature. It was visually impressive. He did everything right before the race and then during the race. I couldn't be any prouder."

Simply put: He'spuregold appears ready for more than just Jersey-bred

company. He is now 3-for-3 in Jersey-restricted races and has four wins and a second in five starts over Monmouth Park's turf course. He was fourth in the Grade 3 Saranac at Saratoga a year ago and may be ready for that type of company again.

The crowd of 12,071 had the 1-mile grass race pegged right, with He'spuregold winning at odds of 7-10 in the nine-horse field and 5-2 second choice Golden Brown launching from far back to get second, a nose ahead of early pacesetter There Are No Words, the only 3-year-old in the field.

The winning time over the firm going was 1:34.15.

The win gave leading rider Paco

Lopez four winners on the card and a sweep of the Jersey-bred stakes over the weekend after he won the Jersey Girl Handicap aboard Bramble Bay.

"He's very sharp right now," said Lopez. "I was in the perfect position. We knew [There Are No Words] would be the speed and he would try to go as long as he could on the front end. I found a nice spot on the rail, third and fourth, but I always had the leader in my sights."

"Coming out of the turn when I asked him he did it so easily. He was moving very well. He gave me a very good kick."

Owned and bred by John Bowers Jr.'s Roseland Farm, He'spuregold now sports a 4-2-3 line from 12 career starts. Lopez was aboard when he beat open company



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in an allowance to kick off the year May 29 at Monmouth Park.

There Are No Words carved out fractions of :23.98, :47.27 and 1:11.14 for the opening 6 furlongs, with Lopez finding a spot on the rail not far off the leader. Wheeling out of the final turn, He'spurgold was tipped outside and

went by There Are No Words by mid-stretch. Golden Brown closed for second from far back.

"This was a stellar field," said Breen. "I was surprised at how low his odds were. Golden Brown is a warrior and you had a couple of young guns coming after us. I didn't see us as (7-10) the way

the public did. He ran well. He ran very professionally.

"It's always nice when you can run them out of their own stall. He trains here and he was bred nine miles from here so he's a Jersey-bred through and through."

Bramble Bay wins Jersey Girl Handicap for second time in three years

Whenever trainer Mike Dini needs a pick-me-up for either himself or the 6-year-old mare Bramble Bay he simply waits for the Jersey Girl Handicap to surface on the Monmouth Park stakes schedule.

It came up on July 9, and the results were predictable.

Bramble Bay, who won the Jersey Girl Handicap two years ago and was second, beaten a head, in the race last year, scored an easy 1¼-length victory in the \$85,000 feature on Monmouth Park's Saturday program.

Ridden by Paco Lopez, Bramble Bay sat third on the rail behind the early pace-setter Roselba, then surged past the frontrunner coming out of the turn in the 1-mile grass event for Jersey-bred fillies and mares, 3 and up, to earn her seventh career grass win. The daughter of Bullet Train, owned and bred by Ballybrit Stable, has a 7-6-4 line from 23 career grass starts. She is 0-for-7 on the dirt, including a pair of losses in Jersey-bred dirt stakes races her past two starts.

The winning time was 1:36.18

"We've been waiting for a race on the grass here," said Dini. "At times she looks like she can run on the dirt, which is why we tried her in Jersey-bred dirt stakes her past two starts, but she is at her best by far on the grass.



"This was a perfect spot for her, the grass, the distance, everything. I may send her back here next year just for this race."

With Roselba leading the way through fractions of :22.98, :45.91 and 1:11.96 for the opening 6 furlongs over the firm going, Lopez waited patiently, never far off the leader.

Coming out of the final turn,

Lopez slipped Bramble Bay to the outside of Roselba, with Perspicacious coming three-wide. But Perspicacious flattened out and Bramble Bay went on, with I'm Listening closing for second, 2¼ lengths ahead of Roselba.

"I really was in a perfect position," said Lopez, the meet's leading rider. "I didn't want to be as close as I was early on but she pulled me there. "When I asked her she really responded. She is a nice horse to ride and a very nice mare.

"Coming out of the turn I didn't want to take a chance going up the rail and get maybe stuck or in trouble so I took her outside of [Roselba] and she went by easily. She was much the best coming into race and she showed that."

Her career earnings stand just shy of \$400,000.



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President's message

Well, I cracked the screen on my laptop and, as of the submission deadline, it has not been returned to me. I do not have access to the information I need to complete the newsletter. So next month I will report on the winners that should be included here.

Caroline Cooper shared some racing news. Her investment filly, A Nite in Cairo, with String Music Thoroughbred Investments, broke her maiden at first asking, winning by 6 lengths at Presque Isle Downs. She reported they are fielding calls for her purchase. Seems like her investment will pay off. Congratulations, Caroline.

I'm typing on an iPad, and it is very difficult. Thanks for understanding my plight.

— Rebecca

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Uptowncharlybrown: Worthy of the Big Screen

by Emily Shields

Bob Hutt likes to start the story of Uptowncharlybrown with a cinema classic: "In a galaxy far, far away..."

The Uptowncharlybrown tale does seem a bit far-fetched. Hutt's Fantasy Lane Stable went to \$57,000 to buy a Kentucky-bred juvenile out of a one-time winning Langfuhr mare, ended up on the Triple Crown trail, and ultimately had one of the most impressive stallions Pennsylvania has had in the last decade. But this is no movie, it's Uptowncharlybrown, who has now recorded win number 100 as a sire courtesy of Oxana June 10.

Uptowncharlybrown, by Limehouse and out of La Iluminada, is the product of Hutt's friendship with the late trainer Alan Seewald. Purchased out of the 2009 OBS Spring Sale of Two Year Olds in Training, Uptowncharlybrown cost just \$57,000 and was the 10th highest purchase on the day.

"Long story short, Uptowncharlybrown came to Monmouth and Alan started training him," Hutt said. "His exploits became legendary. After the first work he ever had Alan referred to him as The Chestnut, didn't call him by his name. Alan even said, 'This is the best horse you've ever had' and he hadn't even breezed yet. He had a sensational first breeze where he was supposed to go a slow three furlongs, but he went in :34 seconds, galloped out :46 and in :59. From there, the legend was born."

Later that summer, Uptowncharlybrown held his own working against older graded stakes horses. By the time he debuted December 26, 2009, he came with a great deal of expectation.

Under Seewald's tutelage and Hutt's Fantasy Lane Stable moniker, Uptowncharlybrown was sent off as the co-second choice in a Tampa Bay Downs maiden race and drew off to win by nine widening lengths. He wheeled back to take the \$53,000 Pasco Stakes by six lengths three weeks



later, making him a horse to watch on the Triple Crown trail. Uptowncharlybrown continued his journey via graded stakes company, finishing third in the Grade 3 Sam F. Davis and fifth in the Grade 3 Tampa Bay Derby.

"We nominated to the Triple Crown," Hutt said, "but truth be told the only race we were going to run in was the Belmont. We were hoping to win the Haskell in our back yard, but God had other plans."

On April 12, 2010, Seewald unexpectedly passed away at the age of 62. "My world was turned upside down," Hutt said.

Just five days later, Uptowncharlybrown went to the post in the Grade 2 Lexington Stakes at Keeneland and finished third. The effort was strong enough to send him to the Belmont Stakes

as planned, where Uptowncharlybrown ran a brilliant race to be fifth, beaten just three lengths. An unfortunate saddle malfunction caused him to lose the eight-pound weight pad under his saddle, and Uptowncharlybrown was disqualified and placed last.

Between Seewald's death and the horse's disqualification, the movie-like story had reached its lowest part, made worse when Uptowncharlybrown was injured training for the Haskell. "That was the end of his career," Hutt said. But his prized equine never did things by the book, and 16 months later returned to the races to run second behind future Breeders' Cup winner Tapizar (and ahead of Grade 1 winner Boys At Tosconova) in an allowance race at Belmont Park.

Retired with two wins, two seconds, and two thirds in 13 starts for earnings of \$125,030, Uptowncharlybrown was ready to enter the breeding shed. But who would use him? "I retired him to be bred in Alan's memory," Hutt said. "At best, I thought we'd have some claiming horses."

Not everyone was on board; one prominent stallion manager gently told Hutt that he couldn't "let me put good money behind Uptowncharlybrown because he won't make it as a commercial stallion," Hutt

laughed. "I knew what he was saying. I knew he was giving his best advice as a manager. But I told him I had a higher contract, so I was going to see where it went."

Hutt then approached Glenn and Becky Brok of Diamond B Farm, who agreed to stand Uptowncharlybrown. "The first foals hit the ground, and Glenn called me in shock," Hutt recalled. "He said, 'the horse is an absolute freak.' They hit the ground running and never looked back."

The first foal on the ground, Alan's Legacy, won a 2016 maiden race by 22 ½ lengths. True Sweetheart won on debut by 10 lengths at 10-1 odds, and Midtowncharlybrown became a four-time stakes winner, earnings \$573,128, and Charlybrown's Rose was stakes placed.

With the second crop, the Uptowncharlybrowns just kept giving. Wait for it, another four-time stakes winner, has earned \$687,643 with 12 wins in 34 starts. Midnightcharly took the Lyman Handicap, and Dixie Serenade wowed at Belmont Park when she won the Grade 3 Victory Ride.

"It's been an unbelievable ride," Hutt said. "He's as good as anybody out there."

Hutt and partners made the decision to not sell any of Uptowncharlybrown's offspring

for several years. Ed Coletti, Sr., who handled Uptowncharlybrown during the final races of his career, and son Ed Coletti, Jr. have handled virtually all of the chestnut stud's offspring.

The first publicly offered Uptowncharlybrown 2-year-old was only sold two years ago; Oxana was among the first and cost \$65,000. On June 10 at Monmouth Park, Oxana became the 100th career winner for Uptowncharlybrown, fully swinging the screenplay back to a triumphant return.

"To start out with just seven broodmares of lesser quality and achieve this is more than a dream," Hutt said. "I made this my life's mission, and Uptowncharlybrown is my pride and joy. I love him to pieces."

Uptowncharlybrown has over \$4.6 million in progeny earnings from historically small crops, and boasts an average earnings per starter of \$64,139, a number that towers over his \$7,500 stud fee at WynOaks Farm in Delta, Pennsylvania.

"He's larger than life now and is bred to 50 mares every year," Hutt said. "He has attracted the eye of the public, and makes us so proud."

A few words from the Executive Secretary

As we move into the last four months of 2022, I would like to thank our breeders for a great year and a fantastic finish. The state budget is complete, and we're happy to say that no money was taken from the Race Horse Development Trust Fund. Our Trust has again stood up to pressure from the Governor! Thanks to everyone who contacted their legislators and worked toward this outcome including the Equine Coalition and our team of lobbyists.

As a reminder, the annual Stallion and Breeding Farm Directory will be published in December. Forms will be mailed and emailed to our stallion owners and domicile farms in September to have your information listed in the

directory. Don't miss out on this free service!

Please remember, for the foal crop of 2023, broodmares must be in the state by Dec. 1, 2022, or within 14 days of a public sale (within 60 days of a sale outside the U.S.) or bred back to a PA-Sire. We ask that you submit all broodmare domicile forms online. We will let everyone know when the new form is available.

Nomination forms for the 2023 PA-Sired PA-Bred 2yo Stallion Series were recently mailed to all registered PA-Breds sired by a registered PA Stallion. The nomination fee for the series is only \$200 if paid by Dec. 31 of this year. Remember that the Series is being expanded in 2023 and will be run in three legs, six stakes,

5½ furlongs for \$100,000, 6½ furlongs for \$150,000 and a flat mile for \$200,000. Each leg will consist of a 2yo race and 2yo filly race. Don't forget about the \$50,000 trainer bonus for the top three point-earning horses. As usual, please contact our office with any questions you may have.

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January 1 through June 30, 2022

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	239,512	239,512	Sylmar Farm Inc.	70,020	0	70,020
William J. Solomon VMD	150,611	56,962	207,573	Peter Giangulio	64,180	3,427	67,607
Glenn E. Brok LLC	130,314	53,059	183,373	Michael Raymond Anspach	63,669	0	63,669
Blackstone Farm LLC	160,748	0	160,748	Warriors Reward	57,585	1,920	59,505
Arrowwood Farm Inc.	155,316	0	155,316	Thomas G. McClay	57,178	0	57,178
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	53,294	78,419	131,713	Luana J. Johnson	46,284	6,661	52,945
Richard N. Miller	110,722	20,564	131,286	Joe-Dan Farm Inc.	46,975	0	46,975
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	79,216	38,389	117,605	Joseph T. Capriglione	46,692	0	46,692
A1A Racing	68,681	33,632	102,313	David Charlton	45,088	0	45,088
Donald L. Brown Jr.	68,789	10,745	79,534	E. Marie Morrison	42,864	0	42,864
Maria M. Haire	69,530	7,612	77,142	Caroline Bentley	42,431	0	42,431
Pewter Stable	59,826	10,920	70,746	St. Omer's Farm	42,014	0	42,014

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	223	97,029	Lord Shanakill	William J. Solomon VMD	43	11,072
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	127	81,944	Winchill	Pewter Stable	13	10,920
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	158	78,419	Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	10	10,745
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	147	39,229	Albert The Great	William J. Solomon VMD	44	10,344
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	99	36,745	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	32	9,569
Peace And Justice	A1A Racing	83	33,632	Bullsbay	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	40	8,601
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	61	33,352	Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	32	8,285
Last Gunfighter	William J. Solomon VMD	74	25,018	Eclipticalspraline	Maria M. Haire	22	7,612
Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	31	20,133	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	28	7,122
Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	50	18,419	Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	17	6,894
Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	35	17,593	Golddigger's Boy	Luana J. Johnson	40	6,661
Il Villano	Chuck Russo	28	13,571	Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	17	5,177

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Bonus	Total
Fortheluvofbourbon	Bourbon Courage - Nosubstituteforalluv	Hidden Acres 4D Farm LLC	4	57,000	30,384	0	27,120	114,504
Nimitz Class	Munnings - Five Diamonds	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	5	57,000	24,102	0	6,612	87,714
Vine Jet *	Red Vine - Our Girl Friday	E. Marie Morrison	5	3,920	42,864	10,716	25,200	82,700
Undercover Kitty	Kitten's Joy - Judy In Disguise (GB)	Caroline Bentley	4	58,800	19,212	0	3,360	81,372
Far Mo Power *	Uncle Lino - J. D. Safari	Peter Giangulio	5	3,800	43,120	10,780	22,800	80,500
Bazinga C	Exaggerator - Bazinga B	Joseph Besecker	2	60,000	16,032	0	3,360	79,392
Miss Dillingham *	Jump Start - Dillingham	Thomas G. McClay	5	0	45,968	11,492	21,120	78,580
Maldives Model	Petionville - Tahitian Pearl	Arrowwood Farm Inc.	2	58,200	13,027	0	1,156	72,383
Chub Wagon	Hey Chub - Takin the Plunge	Joe-Dan Farm Inc.	1	60,000	12,000	0	0	72,000
Cinnabunny	Golden Lad - English Mum	Shooting Star Stable	3	56,400	15,280	0	0	71,680
Buy Land and See	Cairo Prince - Twiggles	Joseph Imbesi	1	58,200	11,640	0	0	69,840
You Must Chill *	Winchill - Only Me	Mark Brown Grier	5	10,670	33,079	8,270	14,400	66,419
Sour Mash *	Talent Search - Dancing Sparks	Glenn E. Brok LLC	9	0	36,989	9,247	17,052	63,288
Center Mid Maddie *	Uncle Lino - Wickedly Clever	Nicholas Fazzolari	4	10,450	26,964	6,741	15,528	59,683
Hey Mamaluke *	Jump Start - Pu Dew	Joseph T. Capriglione	4	20,000	31,684	7,921	0	59,605
Golden Tabby	Golden Lad - Macroeconomics	Michael Raymond Anspach	3	20,000	15,928	0	17,040	52,968
Ruby Bleu *	Messner - Ruby Soul	Donald L. Brown Jr.	4	0	26,835	6,709	19,168	52,712
Flattering Ruby *	Mad Flatter - Precious Lily	Luana J. Johnson	4	0	33,610	8,402	10,404	52,416
Fleeterthan	Flatter - Shadow of Storm	MMG Stables LLC	8	0	21,712	0	28,160	49,872
Confirmed Genius *	Weigelia - Cryptic Kate	Lynda Furlong	6	0	25,015	6,254	17,868	49,137
Dilly Dilly Philly *	Jump Start - Judiane's Jubilee	David Charlton	6	0	36,114	9,028	3,264	48,406
Empress Irene *	Emperor Tiberius - Betcha Can Hula	Richard N. Miller	4	0	24,528	6,132	17,520	48,180
Grit'n'grind *	Jump Start - See the Forest	Marshall K. Gramm	4	0	23,856	5,964	17,040	46,860
My Train *	Silver Train - Echo Company	Robert G. Rutherford	8	0	23,430	5,858	16,736	46,024

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7-20-22	Dalron	Paco Lopez	Michael Pino	Smart Angle LLP
7-27-22	Canoochee	Andy Hernandez	Patricia Farro	Patricia Farro
8-03-22	Knock Out Kid	Dexter Haddock	Ruperto Perez	Guadalupe Perez Aguirre

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On 8/2/22 PA Bred *Morning Matcha* & jockey **Paco Lopez** won our \$75,000 Allowance by 10 lengths for trainer **Butch Reid, Jr.**, owners **Gary Barber, Cash Is King LLC & LC Racing LLC** going 1 mile in preparations for the Cathryn Sophia Stakes.

8/2/22 PA Bred *Pylon* made dreams come true one more time for owner **Fredrick Galiardo** & his Father who wanted to be in the winner's circle together again at **Parx Racing** with apprentice jockey **Eduviel Ignacio** riding for trainer **Philip Aristone**.

8/1/22 *Sweet Willemmina* scored her 11th victory for trainer **Scott Lake**, owners **Home Team Stables & Rich Ciavardone** in a \$45,000 Starter Allowance with jockey **Frankie Pennington** riding the 5-year-old dark bay mare going 7 furlongs.

7/26/22 *Flor de Sombra* won 1st time out beating the boys in a \$34,000 PA Bred Maiden Special Weight for 2 year olds with jockey **Silvestre Gonzalez** for trainer **Guadalupe Preciado** & owner/breeder **Joe Imbesi & Briardale Stable**.

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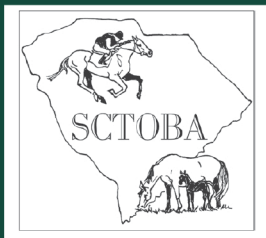
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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022

Racing Across the Nation

Nine horses who went through the breaking process in South Carolina occupied the winner's circle following stakes races between June 29 and July 20.

On June 29, Hungarian Princess won her second stakes in a row at Horseshoe Indianapolis, capturing the Checkered Flag Stakes after winning the Shelby County Stakes June 8. A graduate of Franklin "Goree" Smith's Ellore Training Center, Hungarian Princess raced between horses before taking over the lead at the quarter pole. She then drew off posting a 4½-length victory. The purse money moved her career earnings to \$443,329.

Edie Meeny Miny Mo captured her first stakes win at Monmouth Park July 2, proving best in the Regret Stakes. This 4-year-old filly broke on top and while pressured throughout, would not be denied, winning by a head. She came up through Cary Frommer's program in Aiken.

It took Mamala Kamala eight tries before she broke her maiden. Then in her first race against winners, she proved best in the Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes at Horseshoe Indianapolis July 9. Having only one beat early on, Mamala Kamala angled to the outside with a half-mile to go. She circled the field and crossed the finish line 3¼ lengths ahead of the rest. This filly is owned by SCTOBA member Stuart Grant's The Elkstone Group LLC and was developed at the Grant-owned Camden Training Center by Donna Freyer.

On July 9, Miss Leslie won her third stakes in a row, proving much the best in the Delaware Handicap-G2. A graduate of Travis Durr's Durr Training Center, Miss Leslie was fourth after a half-mile, within 2 lengths of the lead, took control halfway around the second turn and drew

off through the stretch, winning by 12 lengths!

On the same day up at Woodbine, another Durr student, Majestic d'Oro, captured the Alywow Stakes. This filly stalked the leader early on, made the lead at the three-sixteenth pole and hit the wire 1¼ lengths in front.

Another graduate of Freyer's Custom Care program, Market Alert, was best in the Saginaw Stakes at Belmont Park July 10. Fourth early, Market Alert hooked up with the leader at the three-eighth pole and in a determined effort drew clear at the eighth-pole and went on to win by 2 lengths.

The stewards awarded Eons the victory in the Prince George's County Stakes at Laurel Park July 16. Eons was fighting for the lead inside the eighth-pole when nearing the wire he was the victim of a solid bump and crossed the finish line second, a nose behind. The stewards knew Eons deserved the win and gave it to him. Eons is a graduate of

Brad Stauffer and Ron Stevens' Legacy Stable in Aiken and is owned by Mark Grier, who is a long-time client of Legacy Stable.

Beren, a former student of Randy and Kala Rentz at their Rentz Farm Training Center, notched his sixth stakes victory in the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash Stakes at Laurel Park July 16. Beren contested the lead while between horses, took command with a quarter mile to go and proved best by 2¾ lengths.

On the steeplechase front, Down Royal made it two wins in both of her 2022 starts, beating the boys in the A.P. Smithwick Memorial Steeplechase Stakes-G1 at Saratoga July 20. This contest covered 2½ miles over hurdles. Sixth for much of the race, Down Royal wore down the leader in the stretch and got up in the shadow of the wire to win by a neck. She is trained by Kate Dalton at the Springdale Training Center in Camden and was ridden by Kate's husband, Bernie.

Fall events scheduled

Last year saw the return of the King's Tree Trials and the Steeplechase of Charleston at Stono Ferry, victims of the pandemic in 2020. This year we will see the return of the Aiken Fall Steeplechase. This event was not held in 2020 due to the pandemic and in 2021 a new course was under construction. The Aiken Fall Steeplechase and

the Steeplechase of Charleston are sanctioned by the National Steeplechase Association. The Aiken meet will be held Oct. 29 and the Charleston meet will take place on Nov. 13.

The King's Tree Trials, a combination of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse trials, will take place at McCutchen Training Center Nov. 5 in Kingstree, SC.

Debut Winners

It is always exciting to see a horse win first time out! On July 10, Solar Reign, a Malibu Moon filly who went through the breaking process at the McCutchen Training Center, had her picture taken at Ellis Park.

Travis Durr saw three 2-year-olds that came up in his program win first time out. Riding Pretty got the job done at Monmouth Park June 24. The next day,

June 25, Song Parody was a winner at Belmont Park. On July 2, Wild Mule proved best at Monmouth Park.

Two graduates of Kip Elser's Kirkwood Stables operation got the job done in their initial starts. Justa Warrior, a filly by Justify, won at Ellis Park July 22 and Freedom Road, a colt by Malibu Moon, won at Monmouth Park July 23.

SOUTH CAROLINA-TRAINED WINNERS

Horse	Training Center	Date	Track	Type of Race
V. I. P. Code	Elloree Tng Ctr	06/20/22	PARX	Allowance
Kodapendent	Kirkwood Stables	06/21/22	PARX	Allowance
Run for Boston	Elloree Tng Ctr	06/21/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Doc Doc Rock	Durr Trn Ctr	06/22/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Cinderella's Cause	Durr Tng Ctr	06/22/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Jetinwithclass	Aiken – Cary Frommer	06/22/22	Canterbury Park	Maiden Special Weight
Bali	Kirkwood Stables	06/24/22	Penn National	Allowance
Riding Pretty	Durr Tng Ctr	06/24/22	Monmouth Park	Maiden Special Weight
Gigging	Durr Tng Ctr	06/24/22	Charles Town	Allowance
Designer Ready	Durr Tng Ctr	06/24/22	Churchill Downs	Allowance
Finest Work	Durr Tng Ctr	06/24/22	Belmont Park	Allowance
Askin for a Baskin	Durr Tng Ctr	06/24/22	Laurel Park	Starter Allowance
River Finn	Elloree Tng Ctr	06/24/22	Hawthorne	Starter Allowance
Hello Amigo	Aiken – Cary Frommer	06/25/22	Charles Town	Allowance
Song Parody	Durr Tng Ctr	06/25/22	Belmont Park	Maiden Special Weight
Too Many Twizzlers	Aiken – Legacy Stable	06/26/22	Monmouth Park	Maiden Special Weight
Cattilabelle	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	06/27/22	PARX	Allowance
Harrison Knows	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	06/27/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
The Revenger	Durr Tng Ctr	06/27/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Wabaunsee	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	06/27/22	Finger Lakes	Maiden Special Weight
Mamala Kamala	Custom Care-D. Freyer	06/29/22	Horseshoe Indianapolis	Maiden Special Weight
HUNGARIAN PRINCESS	Elloree Tng Ctr	06/29/22	Horseshoe Indianapolis	Checkered Flag S.
Melissa's Smile	Durr Tng Ctr	06/29/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Private Sector	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	06/29/22	PARX	Maiden Special Weight
Missing Fortune	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	06/29/22	Finger Lakes	Maiden Special Weight
Tactical Pajamas	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	06/30/22	Presque Isle	Allowance
One That Got Away	Durr Tng Ctr	06/30/22	Presque Isle	Maiden Special Weight
Zatip	Durr Tng Ctr	07/01/22	Laurel Park	Allowance
My Girl Sky	Durr Tng Ctr	07/01/22	Woodbine	Allowance
Award Wanted	Mason Springs	07/01/22	Delaware Park	Starter Allowance
Reggae Music Man	Aiken-Legacy Stable/Mason Springs	07/01/22	Belmont Park	Allowance
Wild Mule	Durr Tng Ctr	07/02/22	Monmouth Park	Maiden Special Weight
Silent Malice	Durr Tng Ctr	07/02/22	Laurel Park	Starter Allowance
Swayin To and Fro	Elloree Tng Ctr	07/02/22	Laurel Park	Allowance
EDIE MEENY MINY MO	Aiken – Cary Frommer	07/02/22	Monmouth Park	Regret S.
Horn of Plenty	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	07/03/22	Lone Star	Allowance
Daufuskie Island	Durr Tng Ctr	07/03/22	Belmont Park	Starter Allowance
Dr Blarney	Elloree Tng Ctr/Travis Durr Tng Ctr	07/04/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Gigging	Durr Tng Ctr	07/04/22	Laurel Park	Allowance
Boss Like Beth	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	07/05/22	PARX	Maiden Special Weight
Doc Doc Rock	Durr Tng Ctr	07/06/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Who Hoo That's Me	Durr Tng Ctr	07/08/22	Belmont Park	Allowance
Haydens Havoc	Aiken – Cary Frommer	07/08/22	Prairie Meadows	Allowance
MAMALA KAMALA	Custom Care-D. Freyer	07/09/22	Horseshoe Indianapolis	Lucky Stars S.
MISS LESLIE	Durr Tng Ctr	07/09/22	Delaware Park	Delaware H-G2
Devine Miracle	Durr Tng Ctr	07/09/22	PARX	Starter Allowance
Unbridled Victory	Elloree Training Ctr	07/09/22	Horseshoe Indianapolis	Allowance
Venomous State	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	07/09/22	Penn National	Allowance
MAJESTIC D'ORO	Durr Tng Ctr	07/09/22	Woodbine	Alywow S.
November Rein	Durr Tng Ctr	07/09/22	Belmont Park	Allowance
MARKET ALERT	Custom Care-D. Freyer	07/10/22	Belmont Park	Saginaw S.
Panther Island	James Layden	07/10/22	Gulfstream Park	Starter Allowance
Solar Reign	McCuthchen Tng Ctr	07/10/22	Ellis Park	Maiden Special Weight
Silent Invasion	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	07/11/22	Finger Lakes	Allowance
Ancient Times	Arch Kingsley	07/11/22	Colonial Downs	Maiden Special Weight
Gumfyre Gal	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	07/12/22	PARX	Allowance
Far Mo Power	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	07/12/22	PARX	Allowance
Center Court Champ	Durr Tng Ctr	07/13/22	PARX	Starter Allowance
Irish Unity	Durr Tng Ctr	07/13/22	Thistledown	Allowance
Counterfeit Currency	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	07/13/22	Monmouth Park	Allowance
EONS	Aiken – Legacy Stable	07/16/22	Laurel Park	Prince George's County S.
BEREN	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	07/16/22	Laurel Park	Frank J. De Francis Memorial S.
Lady Thornhill	Custom Care-D. Freyer	07/17/22	Saratoga	Allowance
Jesters Honor	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	07/17/22	Monmouth Park	Allowance
THAT'S RIGHT	James Layden	07/17/22	Monmouth Park	My Frenchman S.
Allevare	Rentz Farm Tng Ctr	07/18/22	PARX	Allowance
Hurtgen Forest	Arch Kingsley	07/18/22	Colonial Downs	Maiden Special Weight



VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA-BREDS SCORE BIG WINS AS COLONIAL DOWNS REACHES HALFWAY POINT OF SEASON



Morgan's Ford Farm Surya wins August 1 at Colonial Downs (Coady Photography).

Colonial Downs is past the halfway point of its "More Racing, More Money" 9-week thoroughbred meet in New Kent at press time and business results are very encouraging so far.

Through the first four weeks, overall betting handle has been stellar. A minimum of \$2 million has been wagered every race day and is on pace for an all-time record with the meet's biggest days still ahead — MATCH Series Day, Virginia Derby Day and Virginia-Restricted Stakes Day.

The meet opened July 11 with a four pack of \$125,000 stakes for Virginia-bred/sired horses. Chambeau prevailed in the M. Tyson Gilpin, Mo Clare's in the Brookmeade, Determined Kingdom in the Punch Line and Largent in the Edward P. Evans. Since then, Virginia-bred Surya has taken spotlight honors with two

big turf wins in New Kent for owner/breeder Morgan's Ford Farm. The 3-year-old Street Sense filly won a \$60,000 maiden special weight by 1 1/2 lengths July 19 then came back two weeks later and beat Nicolar by a head in a \$70,000 allowance. Jockey Forest Boyce had the winning mount in both. Brittany Russell's trainee has bankrolled \$83,500 from four starts this year alone. The winner is out of the Include mare, Sun Salutation.

Morgan's Ford Farm also scored with Virginia-bred Ansel who was best in a maiden special weight turf race July 13 with Victor Carrasco up top. The 3-year-old Blame colt beat Evan Harlan by three-quarters of a length at 1 1/16th miles. He is out of Lutetia by Midnight Lute.

Carrasco was also aboard when Susan Cooney's Virginia-Bred Mick's best bet yet

won a thrilling three horse photo by a nose over Fashion Icon July 26. The 4-year-old Stay Thirsty filly captured her second career triumph in the 6-1/2 furlong dirt race. She is out of the Emancipator mare, Leva Mae.

Leanne Hester's Virginia-Bred Spritzer reached the winners circle for the first time in a \$40,000 maiden claiming dirt sprint



Ansel prevails in New Kent (Coady Photography)

August 2 in gate-to-wire fashion. The 4-year-old Gone Clubbing gelding pushed his career bankroll to \$74,557 with the win. He is out of Chianti Kat by Bluegrass Cat.

Colonial's all-time winningest trainer and owner — Ferris Allen and David Ross — got on the board early once again. Allen scored his first win of the campaign August 3 when No More Talk prevailed in his 72nd career start. The 8-year-old Not For Love gelding won for the tenth time and boosted his bankroll to \$374,170. Ross's Virginia Certified/Kentucky-Bred Rambert dominated in a 5 1/2-furlong maiden special weight grass race August 2, wiring the field and crossing six lengths the best. The 3-year-old Declaration of War filly has finished first or second in all four of her starts.

The 9-week summer season comes to a close September 7 with a four-pack of Virginia-Restricted Stakes along with the Jamestown Stakes — for 2-year-old Virginia-Bred/Sired horses.

Virginia Breeders Yearling Futurity Scheduled for September 13

Attention Virginia-Bred/Sired/Certified Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners — It's time to gussy up your yearlings for a chance to win big at the 21st Annual \$40,000 Virginia Breeders Fund Yearling Futurity!

This event will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Warrenton Horse Show Grounds in Warrenton, Virginia. The event is sponsored by the Virginia Thoroughbred Association and Virginia Breeders Fund.

\$7500 in prize money will be awarded in four different classes — VA-Bred or VA-Sired colt/gelding yearlings, VA-Bred or VA-Sired yearling fillies, VA-Certified colts/geldings, and VA-Certified fillies. Grooms awards will be awarded in each division and in the Championship Class.

Any VA-Bred or VA-Sired yearling that shows in the ring will be eligible to compete for a percentage of a \$5,000 bonus to be awarded at the completion of their three-

SCENES FROM THE COLONIAL DOWNS WINNERS CIRCLE

Trainer David Bourke, owner/trainer/breeder Susan Cooney and owner David Ross under the rainbow.



Susie and Wayne Chatfield-Taylor pictured with Debbie Easter at Colonial.

year-old year. The bonus awards are based on total earnings at that time.

There is a new bonus initiative being added for Virginia-Certified horses. At the end of their three-year-old year, a \$5,000 bonus will be split between the highest earning VA-Certified horses that competed in the Yearling Futurity. The bonus awards are based on total earnings.

More details are available at vabred.org.

"Friends of the Richmond Mounted Squad" Receives \$100,000 Donation from Virginia Equine Alliance

The Virginia Equine Alliance presented a check in the amount of \$100,000 to "Friends of the Richmond Mounted Squad" in a winner's circle ceremony at Colonial Downs in August.

The Richmond Police Mounted Unit, formed in 1894, is one of the oldest,

continuous mounted units in the country. The equine squad has multiple functions which include a daily patrol throughout the entire city of Richmond, crowd control during major events, occasional search/rescue operations, and to build positive community relations.

The four-horse unit currently resides in a stable downtown but is in desperate need of a new facility. Fundraising efforts to facilitate a move have been underway for several years now.

Since 1991, the equine unit has benefitted from a 501c3 non-profit group called The Friends of the Richmond Mounted Squad. They help provide awareness, opportunity and financial support to the Richmond Police Mounted Unit. The VEA's check donation will go towards a \$3.1 million "Raise the Barn 2022" campaign.



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Night drama, good karma and elite mama

By Jeff Gilleas



2021 WV-bred Co-Horse of the Year Muad'dib won his first start of 2022 July 15 at Charles Town.

Good horses are meant to be shared with their adoring fans and act as enlightened host to the uncultured populace.

On Friday, July 15, Muad'dib overcame a potentially disastrous beginning to further state his case for brilliance in West Virginia, and advance his predisposition for high drama.

The colossal son of Fiber Sonde and Holy Pow Wow was making his first start of the year in an allowance race that featured Runninto'luyva (Fiber Sonde), winner of the 2019 Charles Town Classic-G2.

The prospect of two of the most written about local champions was tantalizing, as it is an increasing rarity in today's Thoroughbred world to witness mature males compete beyond their 4-year-old season.

It is also a treat to see titans relentlessly surpass individual goals, while channeling the investment connections have made in them.

Muad'dib's size is a natural advantage over smaller athletes. From his imposing head to his expansive muscular frame, the John McKee-bred now boasts 10 wins from 10 starts and over \$350,000 in earnings. Almost contemptuous of his challengers, Muad'dib's running style may one day lead to his demise, as his preference is to sit back in the early stages of a race, then bring the crowd to their feet with his patented late run.

Owned by David Raim and trained by Jeff Runco, the gray/roan gelding is a genealogical phenomenon. His full sister, Late Night Pow Wow, won the Grade 3 Barbara Fritchie Stakes at Laurel Park and finished a respectable third in the Grade 1 Madison at Keeneland, amassing a bankroll of over \$700,000 in her career.

West Virginia's co-champion Horse of the Year in 2021, Muad'dib has gained a loyal following among frequent visitors to the Charles Town Races, yet for me idolatry is reserved until the culmination of this year's campaign.



Exhibiting clear superiority over her contemporaries, Great Spirit bounded away from the gate on Friday, July 22, in Charles Town's third race and straight into the hearts and minds of enthusiastic partisans of the sport. The robust juvenile threw down the gauntlet early in the West Virginia-bred 2-year-old maiden special weight affair and only her barn mate Let's Do This remotely accepted the challenge.

The daughter of Great Notion out of Happy Numbers is owned by breeder Jill Daniel.

Trainer Crystal Pickett had the half-sister to Dr. Feelgood primed for her initial outing and save for a brief temper tantrum leaving the paddock, where she demonstrated a mild case of contempt for her rider and lead pony, remarkably kept to her assigned task. I'm not sure if it's destiny, spirituality or the memory of Dr. Feelgood that evoked my emotional response during the running of the 4½-furlong contest and continued after Great Spirit's lopsided victory.

Obviously, there still needs to be considerably more proof than one race, but this knockout beauty is on my radar screen. Her sire Great Notion is the number #1 leading sire in Maryland four years running, and is very familiar to West Virginia's racing scene, having sired Anna's Bandit (\$806,655) and Lewisfield (\$535,264).

Dr. Feelgood, a son of Fiber Sonde, was an exquisite racehorse (13 wins in 15 starts), who subjected his adversaries to the kind of speed that generally led to their demise. In the court of public opinion, our sport is

often portrayed as black and white, however the best one-turn sprinter of his generation, Dr. Feelgood added a touch of gray and a Dash of Cash.

No doubt, The Sky Is Falling is a very good racehorse and deserving of last year's title of champion 2-year-old filly. When is she going to get out from underneath her cloak of anonymity?

Never a tease, the daughter of Cupid and Miss Henny Penny was content to track pacesetter Hessica in the early stages of the sloppy Sylvia Bishop Memorial Stakes before applying enough pressure late to secure her 2-length margin of victory.

The dark bay filly, who is never overly flashy, has now won six of eight starts, with one third, while earning \$190,000, using a dependable and disciplined approach. I surmise when you are stabled in a barn with Muad'dib, Star of Night and Penguin Power it is difficult to divvy up finite headlines and access the VIP club, however this half-sister to Door Buster appears on the verge of breaking down a few barriers of her own.

Owned by David Raim and trained by Jeff Runco, The Sky Is Falling was bred by Catherine K. Jennings and Scott Mallory.

Saturday, July 22, the premier nighttime signal in the State found the tables uncharacteristically reversed on them in the Robert Leavitt Memorial Stakes, when Ohio invader Free Sailin splashed past rivals with a determined stretch run.

The bay gelding by Freedom Child out of Kela's Pride was bred in West Virginia by Susan Wantz. Susan rode



and trained eventing horses for years, before entering the Thoroughbred domain alongside her husband, David. Over the years, the couple have been avid supporters of West Virginia racing and breeding and reached the pinnacle of success with Dance to Bristol, a filly they purchased as a 2-year-old for \$42,000.

The daughter of Speightstown went on to win the Grade 1 Ballerina Stakes at Saratoga for trainer Ollie Figgins III. In 20 career starts, the chestnut, who Figgins said provided him the journey of a lifetime, won 10 races with eight seconds, earning \$980,880.

Recipient of the first place prize in the \$75,000-added Leavitt was owner/trainer Jason DaCosta. Saving valuable ground throughout in the 7-furlong race, Free Sailin procured clear racing room at the top of the lane and exhibited an intense affinity for the rain-soaked surface.

The 4-5 favorite Jungle Beast made a scintillating move at the quarter pole to assume a solo lead, but seemed to grow leg weary in the final 50 yards.

Don't count out the hometown darling yet, as two months between starts may have compromised his peak response.

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Capturing the magic of the Lonesome Glory years

By Betsy Burke Parker

Lonesome Glory was the bold-jumping, blaze-faced steeplechase sensation that bookended the 1990s. But many in the game today never knew him – after all, he last raced in 1999 (hot favorite at 1-2 winning The Royal Chase at Keeneland that April). They know the horse's regular jockey Blythe Miller (Davies, today) as a trainer's wife, not as the rider so dialed in to her horse to form a magical, almost mystical sympatico partnership. Trainer Bruce Miller last ran a horse a half-dozen years ago; owner Kay Jeffords died in 2003, and breeder Walter Jeffords Jr. – who counted homebred generations sometimes in double-digits – was gone in 1990.

Those that saw the triple family dynamic at play, though, can never forget. They can't erase the memory of deep stretch in the 1997 Colonial Cup, 200 yards of epic battle between three legendary veteran jumpers – Lonesome Glory, Rowdy Irishman and Master McGrath sparring to the wire with barely two noses separating them at the line. They remember the 1993 Breeders Cup steeplechase at Belmont – when they let the jumpers play on racing's marquis day, where Lonesome Glory handed a nearly-10 length drubbing to Eclipse champion Highland Bud.

Add in a pair of winning efforts in England – over hurdles at the December, 1992 meet at Cheltenham and over the stiff Sandown Park 'chase fences three years later, and an Italian feast at a Fair Hill restaurant paid for by Lonesome Glory's 12-1 stunner in his first hurdle start in 1991, and you've got quite a story to tell.



Lonesome Glory and Blythe Miller

Lonesome Glory was born in Kentucky Feb. 18, 1988, one of the last crops foaled before breeder Walter Jeffords Jr. died in 1990.

Lonesome Glory is the only American jump horse to win five Eclipse Awards (1992, 1993, 1995, 1997 and 1999) and the first American 'chaser to earn more than \$1 million.

He won all of the nation's top hurdle stakes including the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase (when that was a thing), the Colonial Cup (three times) and the Carolina Cup (twice). Lonesome Glory also won jump races in England, in 1992 and 1995.

He won his only hurdle start at 3, winning four-of-six at 4 and claiming his first Eclipse – unusually, as a novice – that year with the unprecedented win at Cheltenham that December.

His second championship was clinched with victory in the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase at age 5 in 1993.

In 1994, he won the first of his three

Colonial Cups but lost the championship vote to Warm Spell.

Lonesome Glory came back in 1995 to win three grade 1s and a grade 2 plus winning a handicap 'chase at Sandown Park to seal his third Eclipse.

The champ faltered in 1996, losing his only two American starts after beginning the year in England, but he returned to form in 1997, joining Flatterer as a four-time champion after becoming the only horse to sweep the grade I Carolina and Colonial Cups. The spring-fall double earned Lonesome Glory a \$250,000 bonus.

Pointed for England again in 1998, Lonesome Glory missed a try at the Cheltenham Gold Cup with a pulled muscle but returned to action to win the \$100,000 Hard Scuffle Stakes at Churchill Downs. At 11, Lonesome Glory won another Carolina Cup in March and the Royal Chase in April.

"He proved he was the best by what he did over time," Bruce Miller told the Blood Horse. "The horses he beat were pretty special, (and) not many horses last like he did at that level. He was a great horse who did a lot for our whole family."

Lonesome Glory topped the NSA theoretical handicap three times in the 1990s, including a record 170-pound handicap rating after the 1995 season.

His five championships overtook Flatterer – four, and tie him with flat horse Kelso's run of five Horse of the Year titles.

The Eclipse Awards were created in 1971, so only four other horses have won five or more Eclipse awards: Forego, John

Henry, Affirmed and Secretariat.

Lonesome Glory was euthanized after breaking a leg in an overnight pasture accident in 2003. He was buried at the National Steeplechase Museum in Camden, South Carolina.

He's laid to rest under a life-size sculpture. Lonesome Glory was inducted into racing's Hall of Fame in 2005.

The Glorious bloodlines

Sire: Transworld was born at Elmendorf Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. Like Lonesome Glory a copper chestnut with full chrome, Transworld was by champion sire Prince John out of the English-bred mare, Hornpipe. Prince John fathered champions Speak John, Stage Door Johnny, Typecast, Silent Screen and Deceit. Transworld's full brother Protagonist, was champion 2-year-old colt of 1973.

He sold as a yearling for \$375,000 and was sent to race in Europe, trained by Vincent O'Brien for owner Simon Fraser.

He raced in England and Ireland at 3, winning the group 1 Irish St. Leger but returned to the U.S. at 4 with expectations of running again. Instead, Transworld retired to stud, siring many winners and stakes winners. His best progeny were sons Lonesome Glory and Venezuelan champion Winton.

Transworld died in his sleep at age 27 at a farm in Colorado.

Dam: Stronghold, also a chestnut, was a fifth-generation Jeffords-bred, making Lonesome Glory a sixth generation of Jeffords bloodlines.

Stronghold was by Green Dancer out of the French-bred mare Serges de Nimes. She was unraced, but became a strong producer. Of 10 named foals, seven were winners and three were stakes winners. In addition to five-time champion Lonesome Glory, Stronghold mothered Strawberry Angel – by Alydar son Red Attack, a stakes winner and graded stakes-placed over hurdles for owner Kay Jeffords.

Lightning didn't strike twice for the Transworld-Stronghold magic in her 1994 foal, Skillogee, but the graded stakes performer on the turf/hurdle winner in turn produced hurdle winners Dynaskill and Lonesome Nun and turf winner/hurdle-placed Eat Cake.

Bruce Miller on breeder Walter Jeffords Jr. and owner Kay Jeffords

"Mr. and Mrs. Jeffords lived in New York City, but they had a wonderful farm down

in Andrews Bridge country. I never really met him because he died (in 1990) before Lonesome Glory came to me for training.

"They were the most wonderful couple I ever met, and they had some very good horses.

"(When Walter Jeffords died), Bob Crompton introduced me to Mrs. Jeffords because they had a few homebreds left from his breeding stock. He'd told me 'you gotta go see this 2-year-old' he thought looked like a pretty nice horse.

"I'm glad I went to look."

Bruce Miller on Lonesome Glory

"This wasn't an easy horse (at first) – Blythe would barely even ride him much at home. He had a really good buck in him, and would spook.

"I think it's that spunk that made him so good.

"He had just wonderful conformation, good size, great bone. I don't think he was ever lame.

"Lonesome and Blythe were a perfect pair. He learned to trust her, and she learned to trust him – it was a great combination, and I think that was the key to their success.

"He always showed us he was going to be a good horse. He was a brilliant jumper from the get-go. It's hard to say if he was 'the best horse, ever,' but Lonesome ran for a long time, and had a really great record and ran against some very good horses."

Blythe Miller on Lonesome Glory

"He was just so special, like driving a fancy car. He had tactical speed so you could place him anywhere in his races.

"And he never won by more than he had to, he did just as much as he had to do.

"He was so easy to ride in a race – he wasn't strong so you could put him anywhere. Like if you're following Circuit Bar whipping around the track at Saratoga, (I could) hang 15 lengths back and just wait it out.

"I think jumping back then was much more a part of the game (before the major tracks 'took out' the last jump in the homestretch), so it really did matter how a horse jumped.

"It really showed up in his first race in England, over hurdles at Cheltenham. He flew the last three coming down the hill and into the stretch. We were making up ground so it took that kind of jumping to win that day.

"I could always count on him to give me

the long one if I asked.

"Lonesome was the best horse I ever met, and I rode a lot of good horses. He had a fifth gear, tactical and handy."

Blythe Miller on one of the keys to Lonesome Glory's success

"I have to credit Trish Daniels as much as anybody. She worked with him the whole time (and actually won two-of-two bumpers on the horse – 1992 at Iroquois and 1997 at the Marlborough point-to-point.)

"Trish (who died in 1998) was a huge part of it. She totally doted on him, and she was the most tolerant of his antics. Like, he wasn't a bad shipper, but he'd fret on long trips, so Trish would ride with him in the trailer – she'd sleep in the back of the van with him all the way to Nashville (12-plus hours from Fox Ferret Farm near Unionville.)

"I always said he wasn't like an angel to ride in the morning, but when the flag dropped, he was.

"But he was tough to ride at home. He'd spook and drop you. He didn't get me off in the mornings because I wouldn't get on him! Trish didn't seem to mind it so much when he did that."

Sally Jeffords on Bruce Miller

"Bruce is one of the best horsemen out there. All our horses were homebred, and I don't believe we had a single horse not make it to the track. That's the kind of all-around good horseman he is.

"Lonesome's first race (over hurdles) was at Fair Hill (the maiden at the October meet. Craig Thornton was aboard. Blythe Miller had ridden the horse three times on the turf earlier that year for racing education – fifth, fourth and third.)

"You can bet at Fair Hill, so of course the whole family's there and of course we bet on him (Lonesome Glory was roundly dismissed at 12-1 in the 10-horse field. Welter Weight, who went on to a championship timber career and winning the 1999 Maryland Hunt Cup, was odds-on favorite at 1-2 that day.)

"We couldn't believe it when he went from (back of the pack) to winning by 2 lengths.

"We went out to dinner at the nice Italian place in Fair Hill that night on our winnings. It was great.

"He was such a smart horse, so talented, could run in every (track) condition. He was a true all-around athlete."

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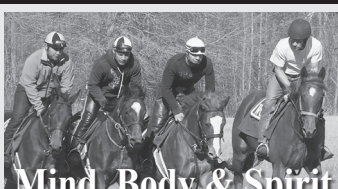
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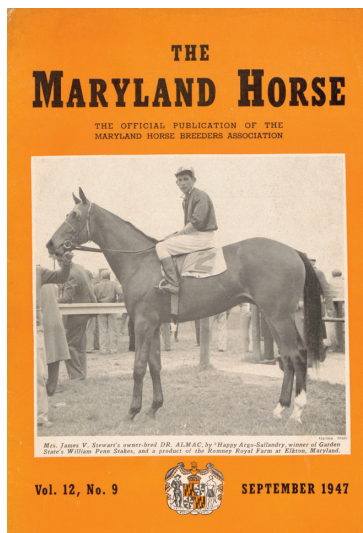
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Looking Back

of the Preakness, including those of Triple Crown winners Citation, Secretariat, Seattle Slew and Affirmed. He died at age 90 in August 1997.

■ The Bureau of Animal Industry in Washington received a request from Dr. R.W. Smith, State Veterinarian of New Hampshire, for assistance in diagnosing a suspected outbreak of swamp fever in horses at Rockingham Park near Salem that August. Dr. L.O. Mott of the Pathological Division was dispatched and collected blood samples from 14 suspected cases. The clinical diagnoses were subsequently confirmed at the Animal Disease Station in Beltsville, Md. In an attempt to prevent the disease from entering the state, Maryland turf officials set up a ban against horses which had raced in the New England area, or been stabled there, in the 60-day period prior to the ban.

■ Humphrey Finney's Saratoga sales note in The Editor's Saddle-Bag, Aug. 15:

"All records went by the boards for Saratoga tonight when Henry Knight averaged \$16,650 for 18 head sold and the Estate of Kenneth N. Gilpin obtained an average of \$11,956 for nine head. Included in the latter group was the lovely filly by War Admiral out of *Betsy Ross II, by *Mahmoud, which topped the market when purchased by Harry M. Warner for \$44,000. Never has such

a night's sale been held as was this, for excitement and sustained interest. It is a pity that Kenneth N. Gilpin was not there to see his faith in Saratoga as the leading market for yearlings justified."

■ Christiana Stable's 42-year-old trainer John A. "Jack" Healey died of a brain condition, unsuspected until shortly before his death at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md.

The owner of Boxwood Farm near Cockeysville, Md., Healey originally trained as a lawyer, but it was not surprising that he followed in the footsteps of his late father, Thomas J. "T.J." Healey. Jack Healey was best known for developing Alexis, Sea Snack, Megogo and other Lunger colorbearers; prior to that he trained a string of the C.V. Whitney stable with considerable success. He was vice-president of the American Trainers' Association, and a director of the Maryland Horse Breeders' Association at the time of his death.

Jack Healey was an assistant for his father—who conditioned the likes of Hall of Famers Equipose and Top Flight, as well as five Preakness winners—until his father retired in 1941, then took the position with the Lungers. The senior Healey, who died in 1944 in New Jersey, was inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame in 1955.

75 years ago

■ Eddie Blind was appointed starter for Laurel Race Course's October meet after the retirement of Jim Milton. Blind was no stranger to hundreds of horsemen all over the country as he plied his trade as an assistant to George Cassidy in New York, worked the first meeting at Atlantic City, and sent fields away at Maryland's half-mile track Bel Air. He noted his biggest thrill in racing was when he came to Pimlico from New York to assist in starting the (1937) Pimlico Special in which Seabiscuit defeated War Admiral.

Known as one of the best in the business, Blind was head starter at Maryland tracks for 30-plus years and started 32 consecutive runnings

25 years ago

■ Glenn Petty, a member of the board of the Virginia Thoroughbred Association, executive director of the Maryland-Virginia Racing Circuit Inc., and director of horsemen's relations at Colonial Downs, gave an account of the newly-established Virginia Breeders Fund, set to distribute its first million after the 1997 racing season, which saw the opening of Colonial Downs in September. Awards would be paid to breeders and stallion owners, as well as to owners of Virginia-breds, and include money for restricted races.

■ News came of the retirements of three Mid-Atlantic legends—6-year-old Pennsylvania-bred Alphabet Soup, the defending Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 champion; Maryland-bred 3-year-old sprint star Smoke Glacken; and

Delawarean William C. Lickle's all-time leading money-winning steeplechaser, 12-year-old Victorian Hill.

Most shocking was Smoke Glacken, who leapt into the national sprint title conversation after taking the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G2 against older runners a few weeks earlier, but was abruptly retired when bone chips were discovered in his knee.

Smoke Glacken was named the Eclipse Award champion sprinter of 1997, and is one of the newest members of the Maryland-bred Thoroughbred Hall of Fame.

■ Three of the most recognizable names in the region's breeding industry were gone. Thomas Mellon Evans, nationally-prominent breeder/owner and proprietor of Buckland Farm near Gainesville, Va., for more than 40 years, died at age 86. His pinnacle of success was homebred Kentucky Derby-G1 and Preakness-G1 winner and leading sire Pleasant Colony. Evans bred a total of 88 stakes winners, and his dark blue and white silks were

carried to added-money victories by 67 runners, 54 of whom were homebred.

Anderson Fowler, 85, was a leading breeder/owner more than a half-century. His best runners included homebreds Master Speaker and Timely Warning, winners of three consecutive runnings of the Maryland Million Classic (1989-1991).

Windfields Farm president Charles Taylor died at 62. The only son of the late Canadian industrialist and horse racing mogul E.P. Taylor, Charles Taylor assumed the presidency of Windfields in 1980 after his father became incapacitated by a stroke. Windfields Farm's Maryland division reached its zenith under his leadership, its stallion roster—headed by Northern Dancer—reigned supreme throughout the Thoroughbred world.

■ Deerhound got his first stakes winner when his 2-year-old daughter Countess Diana scored in Saratoga's Schuylerville Stakes-G2. The 9-year-old son of Danzig stood at Allen and Audrey Murray's Murmur Farm in Darlington, Md.

50 years ago

■ Jinny and Laddie Dance sold the highest-priced yearling at the Saratoga sale. The Sparks, Md., breeders received \$140,000 for their *Forli—Guest Room filly on a bid by E.P. Taylor, owner of Windfields Farm in Chesapeake City. The filly was foaled at Windfields when her dam was shipped there to be bred to Northern Dancer. She became the second highest-priced Maryland-bred yearling ever auctioned, behind the \$160,000 record for a Dr. Fager colt sold in 1971.

The Dances sold two for an average of \$90,500. The sale's overall average was \$28,930, the second highest in sale history.

The owners of three broodmares, Laddie gave considerable credit to farm manager Bobby Hale. With the Dances since they first got into the breeding and racing business in 1966, Hale was a valued friend as well as an employee.

■ Dr. George M. Palmer—"one of the best-liked veterinarians ever to work in Maryland"—sold his practice to his partner, Dr. Ralph L. Yergey, and retired to his home just outside of Laurel. "I didn't retire out of choice," said the 49-year-old Marylander (who walked

with a cane and had a brace on one leg). "My health forced me into it. My partner [Yergey] was afraid I was going to get hurt by a horse sooner or later." A lifetime horseman born and raised in Havre de Grace, Dr. Palmer got his first track job at the age of 13.

Yergey brought in Dr. James V. Stewart as his new partner in the practice.

■ Writer Lucy Acton and 17-year-old photographer Cappy Jackson followed apprentice jockey Sue Graham—seeking her first win after 13 months of competition on the Maryland-Delaware circuit—for a day at Delaware Park. "In a woman-to-woman interview, jockey tells *Maryland Horse* reporter how male jockeys react to her invasion of their world," enticed the contents page.

It was an enlightening documentary on what women on the track had to endure. And at times somewhat shocking. A trainer Graham galloped for commented: "Don't misunderstand me. I didn't say I didn't like them. I said I didn't think they had the capabilities. Now, Sue is wonderful at galloping a horse. She has wonderful hands and good control over the horse. She's a good exercise girl."

Graham had support from a number of trainers including Del Carroll, John P.

Mullen and Robert L. Maffay. On that afternoon of Aug. 4, 1972, Graham got her first win aboard the Mullen-trained 3-year-old colt Black Watch.

■ Laurel's Washington, D.C., International, billed as a race for "horse of the world" honors, was to be televised and broadcast around the world that November. Tommy Roberts, president of the Independent Television Network Inc. said, "What the Kentucky Derby is to racing in the United States, the Washington International is to world racing; simply an event of tremendous importance."

■ William L.S. Landes III wrote a letter to the editor about his concern for the credibility of racing, which was getting reports of fixed races, ringers, and jockeys found using joints. Plus accusations that champion Riva Ridge was drugged for the Monmouth Invitational.

"There is a certain degree of unsavory activity occurring at racetracks, none are immune," Landes wrote. "Needed is an organization which can investigate, compile and present to the public a much needed dose of truth; explaining what has happened, what does happen, and present solutions or alternatives."

10 years ago

■ Nearly 300 horses showed up to the first Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show, held at the infield of Pimlico in July. The question was posed in the Maryland Jockey Club offices: How does racing make people more aware that Thoroughbreds can have other occupations after the track? MJC racing secretary, Georganne Hale, and manager of Adena Springs Retirement program in Canada, Stacie Clark-Rogers, stepped up and answered that question with unbridled success. What started as seven basic classes grew to 16, and the original \$4,000 in prize money plus ribbons, nearly tripled to cover the additional divisions.

■ Royal Delta, the champion 3-year-old filly of 2011, had to work for the win in the 75th Delaware Handicap-G2, getting home a neck in front of longshot Tiz Miz Sue. The victory added to her stellar record that included Grade 1 scores in the 2011 Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic and Alabama.

Bred by Saudi Prince Saud bin Khaled's Palides Investments N.V. Inc., she raced for



Thoroughbreds relaxing at the inaugural Totally Thoroughbred Horse Show at Pimlico.

her breeder through her 3-year-old campaign, then was sold at the 2011 Keeneland November sale to Besilu Stables for \$8.5 million. Left with trainer Bill Mott, Royal Delta completed her 4-year-old season with another win in the Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic.

■ In a year of incredibly close finishes in the 3-year-old ranks, Paynter produced one of the more dominating performances in Monmouth Park's \$1 million Haskell Invitational-G1. He gained notice in his previous start, the Belmont Stakes-G1, leading throughout only to lose in the closing yards to Union Rags. The Haskell was targeted by Kentucky Derby favorite Bodemeister

and Union Rags, but both dropped out, leaving Bob Baffert's barn to send in Paynter as the replacement for Bodemeister.

■ Siblings Katy Voss, Ann Merryman, Lizzie Merryman and Edwin Merryman each won a race as an owner/trainer/breeder July 12. While there were no records to prove it, the achievement must have been a family first. Two of the wins (Katy and Ann) were at Delaware Park; Lizzie and Edwin's came at Penn National.

■ New Jersey favorite Joey P. hung up his racing shoes and retired to Hill Haven Farm in Millstone Township, part of the New Jersey chapter of the non-profit Thoroughbred rehabilitation and adoption program ReRun. Bred and owned by John Petrini, the 17-plus-hand nearly black gelding amassed \$1,081,167, with 18 wins and 11 placings in 48 starts, and won at least one race in each of his eight seasons.

■ Virginia-bred Redeemed, owned by Jay Em Ess Stable, earned a "Win and You're In" trip to the Breeders' Cup Marathon-G2 after taking Parx Racing's Greenwood Cup Stakes-G3, covering 1½ miles in 2:28.01, nearly two seconds faster than Evening Attire's mark set in 2008.



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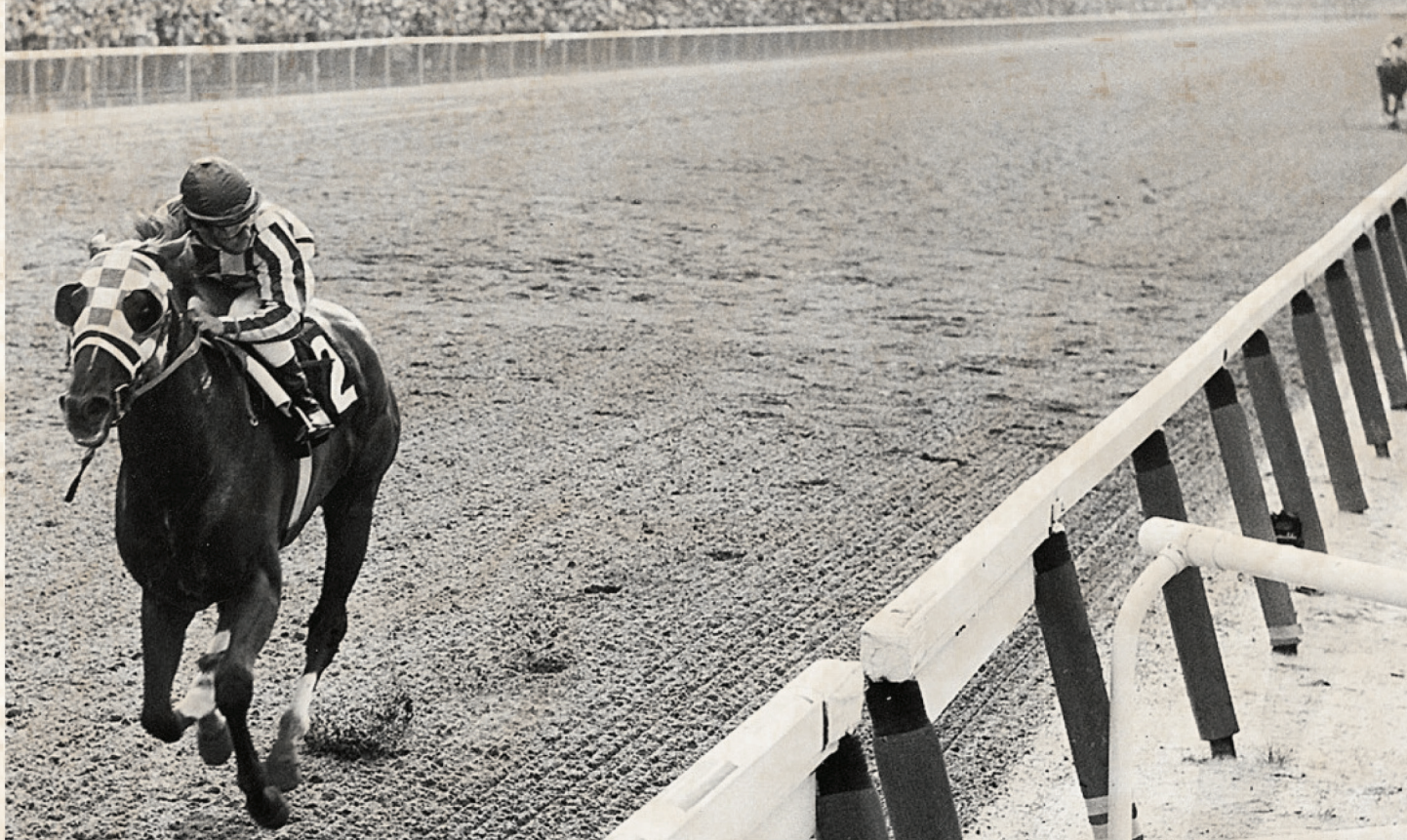
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